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COMMENT OF THE DAY

New Impediment

PRESSURE is now mounting in the Western world for a readjustment of the trade embargo imposed on China soon after the outbreak of the Korean War. Curiously, however, although the restrictions were part of the United Nations sanctions policy against China and as such are widely regarded as outdated, the main emphasis of Western pressure now is only to revise the embargo to bring it in line with the one imposed upon Soviet Russia and the European Satellites.

This is largely the result of American insistence that the embargo should be maintained as a political weapon and its allies have consented to enforce measures that are not only generally unpopular but penalise Japan, Britain and some Western European countries almost as much as China.

President Eisenhower seemed to recognise this fact in his press conference last week and from his general statements on this question observers were quick to conclude that the United States was preparing to make concessions by allowing a levelling of the two embargoes without, however, relaxing its own strict policy of a complete ban on exports to China.

A new factor has, however, been introduced. America is apparently seeking a tightening of the embargo restrictions against Russia in exchange for easing restrictions on the China embargo. Full details of the American proposal are not yet known but in principle the move ought to be resolutely rejected.

The obvious trend in East-West negotiations at present is towards reduced tension. What pretext is there for the West to reverse the process? The Communist countries are bound to describe the move as a "renewal of the cold war" and in the absence of any valid political reason how is the charge to be countered?

Face-saving considerations perhaps dictate the American attitude. In Britain and Europe the proposed restrictions will be regarded as an unfair compensation and a new obstacle to development of a promising trade connection. Certainly Britain's exports to Russia are on the increase and exporters will object to any new impediment. If America insists on the new provision Britain ought to consider making its own embargo regulations.

Experts' Warning On Bone Cancer

London, Apr. 16. British scientists estimated in a report published tonight that a Bikini-type hydrogen bomb, exploded high in the atmosphere, might eventually produce bone cancer in 1,000 people for every million tons of TNT of equivalent explosive power.

They stressed that this was conditional on the acceptance of a theory that the incidence of bone cancer was proportional to the amount of radioactive material in the body.

The report was written by a committee appointed by the Atomic Scientists Association, a private body set up in 1948 to keep the nation informed about atomic developments.

INDEPENDENT VIEW

The committee studied the whole question of radiation hazards from an independent viewpoint and followed up a report last year by Britain's Medical Research Council.

Discussing the estimate of the possible incidence of bone cancer from the radioactive material known as strontium 90, the report said: "These thousand casualties would be spread all over the world and occur in the course of several decades."

"A somewhat larger number of people might suffer other changes, possibly without manifesting any clinical symptoms."

"There is also the possibility of a number of cases of leukaemia resulting but we have not enough data to estimate this number."

"At the same time, it should be pointed out that these casualties, although large in absolute number, represent only a fraction of those due to the natural level of radioactivity; there would be no way of distinguishing one from the other."

The scientists stressed in their report the possible "considerable margin of error due to lack of adequate data", and the fact that it was based on the "as yet unproved hypothesis of a proportional relationship applying to very small doses"—*Reuter*.

IRAN BANS OIL EXPORTS TO ISRAEL

Teheran, Apr. 16. The Iranian Government has ordered that the Iranian National Petroleum Company refuse to sell oil to Israel or to transport companies which plan to make deliveries in Israeli ports.

An Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman announcing this ban today said the Government had also decided to "recommend" to the International Oil Consortium that it should adopt a similar attitude.

Circles close to the Consortium believed it was very likely that the eight companies forming the Consortium would act on the recommendation, because of their desire to avoid any dispute with the Iranian Government.

Representations

It was believed here that the Iranian decision to ban oil exports to Israel was taken as a result of representations made by King Saud of Saudi Arabia. The ban covers both oil destined for Israeli home consumption and oil to be routed through Israel from Elath on the Gulf of Aqaba to Haifa on the Mediterranean.

The Iranian National Petroleum Company controls 12 1/2 per cent of the country's total oil production. The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that an American tanker, chartered by a European country, was guilty of fraud because it had given its destination as an African port, when it took the Iranian port of Bandar Mashur, but had in fact gone to Elath.

Iraqi Protest

After the American tanker had delivered 10,000 tons of Iranian oil to Elath last week, the Iranian National Petroleum Company had said it was not concerned in the affair and would reject any protests about it, since the oil in question had been sold by the Consortium.

Iraq has protested to the United States against allowing the American tanker to use the Gulf of Aqaba and supply Israel with oil.—*France-Press* and *Reuter*.

ABNORMAL SHOCK WAVES

Tokyo, Apr. 17. The National Meteorological Observatory announced here today it had recorded a series of abnormal shock waves.

An Observatory spokesman said the pattern of the shock waves indicated another Soviet Union nuclear test had taken place.—*Reuter*.

Turncoats' Sentences Reduced

Washington, Apr. 16. The Army has cut in half the prison sentences of two turncoat Korean War prisoners. They are, Claude J. Batchelor, 27, and Edward S. Dickenson, 20.

Batchelor was sentenced at first to life imprisonment but that subsequently was cut to 20 years by review authorities. Dickenson was sentenced to 10 years.

But on a regular annual review of prisoner sentences last month, Assistant Army Secretary Hugh M. Milton II, ordered Batchelor's sentence reduced to 10 years and Dickenson's to five years.—*United Press*.

No N-Weapons For Japan

Tokyo, Apr. 16. Japan will not equip its forces with nuclear weapons, said Gen. Kazuo Hayashi, Chairman of the Joint Defense Council. He made the statement in reply to a question by a Socialist Diet member before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Councillors.—*United Press*.

UN DELEGATE ASSASSINATED

United Nations, Apr. 16. The Egyptian representative on the United Nations Advisory Council for the Italian Trustee territory of Somaliland has been assassinated in Mogadiscio (capital of Somaliland), the Chairman of the UN Trusteeship Council announced today.

The Egyptian representative was Kamal Eddine Salah. The Council Chairman, Rafik Asha, the Syrian delegate, said

PROPOSALS FOR CHINA TRADE REVIEW

London, Apr. 16. Lord Gosford, Britain's Foreign Under-Secretary, said today that the United States had made some proposals for reviewing the China trade embargo lists.

These are lists of goods of which the export to China was banned at the time of the Korean War by a number of non-Communist countries because they were considered to have a wartime potential.

Lord Gosford told the House of Lords that the United States Government's proposals followed the meeting at Bermuda between Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, and President Eisenhower.

"We shall study these proposals in consultation with other members of the consultative group," Lord Gosford added.

PERCENTAGES

The consultative group is formed of those nations which consult over the enforcing of the United Nations strategic trade embargo.

Sir David Eccles, President of the Board of Trade, in reply to a question by Mr William Telling (Conservative), said trade with the Chinese mainland in 1939, 1946 and 1948 were 1.8 per cent, 10.9 per cent and 9.5 per cent of the total trade of the United Kingdom with countries other than Commonwealth countries.

In reply to another question, he said: "It is a fact that China's trade is in balance and unless China sells less to Russia or gets credit from Russia, there is little chance of a substantial expansion."—*Reuter*.

UK Defence Move In Persian Gulf

London, Apr. 16. Britain is planning to reinforce the defences of her interests in Southern Arabia and the Persian Gulf, official sources here said today.

A military mission was said to have arrived in Kenya to investigate the administrative problems of maintaining land, sea and air forces in East Africa.

Official sources said it was planned to station a "strategic reserve" in the area for "support of the Baghdad Pact" and for the defence of British interest in Southern Arabia and the Persian Gulf.

"In the Arabian Peninsula Britain must be ready at all times to defend her Aden colony and protectorates and the territories in the Persian Gulf for whose defence she is responsible. For this task, land, sea and air forces have to be maintained in that area and in East Africa," the War Office said.

Officials would not comment on the probable size of the force but authoritative sources said it was understood the War Office was thinking in terms of brigade strength.—*United Press*.

Anglo-US Mid-East Coordination

London, Apr. 16. Britain has sent a high official of its Foreign Office to Washington to coordinate Middle Eastern policies with the United States under the arrangements of the recent Bermuda summit conference, according to official sources today.

Mr Adnan Watson, head of the Foreign Office African Department, will consult State Department representatives on immediate and long-term co-ordination of Anglo-American views on the strategic Middle East.

The move stems from an agreement between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan in Bermuda last month to set up a Middle Eastern planning group.

Though little was said at the time about this decision, the plan envisioned the creation of a permanent Anglo-American body to plan and coordinate Middle Eastern policies and strategy, the sources said.—*United Press*.

Stockpile For 35,000 A-Weapons

Washington, Apr. 16. Mr James van Zandt, a member of the Joint United States Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, said today it was estimated that the United States had stockpiled material for the manufacture of 35,000 atomic weapons.

This was estimated to be three and a half times the comparable Soviet stocks for about 10,000 weapons, he said. He did not reveal his sources of information.

He told the Pennsylvania Daughters of the American Revolution that every effort should be made to reach a sound agreement with the Soviet Union on reducing armaments.—*China Mail Special*.

Famous Cellist Collapses

San Juan, Apr. 16. Pablo Casals, the world's leading cellist, collapsed today and Puerto Rico's No. 1 heart specialist diagnosed his case as coronary thrombosis.

Dr Ramon Sureda described the condition of the 69-year-old musician as "serious."

Casals collapsed while holding the first rehearsal with a New York orchestra for an international music festival he was to conduct, scheduled to begin here on Monday.—*United Press*.

BEDOUINS SUPPORT HUSSEIN

Ammar, Apr. 16. Two hundred Bedouin chieftains swore allegiance to young King Hussein today amid reports that the monarch is seeking another Arab summit conference on East-West policies.

Reports said that Hussein wants a new meeting between Arab leaders to thrash out a common policy of communism and the Eisenhower Doctrine.

Today some 200 chiefs of the once-nomadic desert tribesmen in colourful flowing robes strode into Hussein's hilltop palace to pledge their continued allegiance to the monarch.—*United Press*.

Saud Visiting Jordan

London, Apr. 16. King Saud of Saudi Arabia is due to arrive on an official visit to Jordan on May 6, according to a Middle East News Agency report from Amman, Cairo radio said today.

King Saud will spend four days in Jordan before going to Baghdad.—*Reuter*.

EDEN RESTLESS

Boston, Apr. 16. Sir Anthony Eden spent a "restless day" today although he was able to get out of bed and sit in a chair for the first time since his life-threatening operation on Saturday.—*United Press*.

US Claim To Christmas Is

London, Apr. 16. PRIME Minister, Harold Macmillan, told the House of Commons today that the United States claims sovereignty over Christmas Island, in the Pacific Ocean, where British nuclear experiments are scheduled to take place this summer.

Macmillan, in reply to a question, said: "The United States claims sovereignty over

Christmas Island, which has been under British administration for many years as part of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands colony."

The Prime Minister said the United States Government had been informed that the forthcoming tests did not in any way prejudice the claims of other governments.—*France-Press*.

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Martinelli In San Remo



Film star Elsa Martinelli, who was sentenced to 18 months' jail in Rome last week for insulting three policemen, in San Remo where she won the Italian film stars' motor race. Her lawyer appealed and said she will stay free until the appeal is heard in about a year. — Central Press Photo.

AGREEMENT ON DISARMAMENT MAY BE REACHED

London, Apr. 16. M. Jules Moch, French representative on the United Nations disarmament subcommittee meeting here, said today the subcommittee might reach agreement on the limitation of hydrogen bomb test explosions.

Moch said the five-power subcommittee might reach a partial agreement covering the explosions and the following points:

- ★ Limitation of troop levels at a first stage of disarmament.
- ★ Halt in the production of fissionable materials for military purposes.
- ★ An international control system.

Moch said that members of the subcommittee knew that a war among the great powers would "necessarily be total." He said: "The argument that gas was not used during the 1939-45 war, which is cited by those who wish to affirm that nuclear war can be avoided, has no value."

by the United States that nuclear powers should switch their production from military to peaceful purposes, according to Western conference sources.

The sources said that Mr. Zorin, though he did not reject the proposals, put forward by Mr. Harold Stassen, maintained that they did not go far enough in ensuring the elimination of nuclear stocks or in prohibiting the use of nuclear weapons. — Franco-Press and Reuter.

MARITIME EXERCISE OFF SIAM

Singapore, Apr. 16.

Warships and planes of six SEATO nations are concentrating around Singapore and Bangkok in preparation for the forthcoming SEATO maritime exercise, it was announced here today.

Australian and British ships arrive at Singapore on Thursday, and United States and French ships on Monday.

Observers from the United States, Pakistan and the Philippines leave Singapore in selected ships on April 24.

Naval units from New Zealand and Thailand will join up at sea during the exercise, code-named "Astray."

A statement from Britain's Far East Naval Station which is organising the major exercises, said planes from the Royal Air Force, Royal New Zealand Air Force, Royal Thai Air Force and the United States Navy will operate from Singapore and Bangkok as required between April 24 and May 2. — Reuter.

RUSSIAN CRITICISM

Mr. Valerian Zorin, Soviet delegate to the United Nations Disarmament subcommittee now meeting here, today criticised proposals put forward last week

Meeting Postponed For 'Uncertainty' Of Situation

London, Apr. 16.

A meeting of the 15-nation Suez Canal Users Association set for tomorrow has been postponed till shortly after the weekend because of the "uncertainty" of the Suez situation, a usually reliable source said here today.

It had been thought that the United States-Egyptian talks in Cairo on Egypt's terms for running the canal would now have ended, and the association would have been able to consider the position.

It had also seemed likely that the West, following deadlock in the talks, was about to take the Suez dispute to the United Nations Security Council.

But the United States ambassador in Cairo, Mr. Raymond Hare, had a further meeting today with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, indicating that the talks were not yet finished.

Not United

At the same time it appeared to diplomatic observers that three Western allies, the United States, Britain and France, were by no means united.

After the French ambassador, M. Jean Chauvel, called today on the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, reports were current in French circles that French opinion would favour a boycott of the canal if the Cairo talks broke down.

The Marquess of Salisbury, who resigned from the government over its Cyprus policy, urged in a letter to the Times that the SCUA (Suez Canal Users Association) foreign ministers should meet in conference to discuss a boycott. Yet reports from the Washington said the United States Government would tell American shipowners that in a few days they could use the canal again.

Under Protest

They would be allowed to pay tolls in dollars to the Egyptian Canal Authority, but under protest, the reports added. Where Britain stood was not known. The Foreign Office today declined comment on Suez developments.

It was understood, however, that Washington had not informed London of any intention to let American shipowners use the canal again.

The British Government has sent a representative to Washington, Mr. Adam Watson, head of the Foreign Office African Department, to co-ordinate policies with the American Government.

Mr. Watson might visit New York if the Suez dispute were submitted to the Security Council.

Mr. Lloyd later reported details of his talk with the French ambassador to a meeting of senior ministers called by Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister.

American Views

Mr. Lincoln White, the State Department spokesman, answering questions at his daily press conference said in Washington today the United States was still engaged in negotiations with Egypt on the Suez Canal.

Asked whether any decision had been taken to refer the Suez issue to the United Nations Security Council, Mr. White replied "we are still in discussions with the Egyptians."

Asked whether that meant that no decision had been made on the issue, Mr. White answered "I don't want to comment flatly yes or no on that."

The State Department spokesman said he did not know if the United States was conferring with Britain and France about taking the matter to the Security Council.

Quoted about reports that the United States had advised American shippers that they could go through the Canal and pay tolls under protest, Mr. White said he knew of no notification to shippers as yet. Mr. White recalled that the State Department had never prohibited United States ships from using the Canal but merely

MOTHER WORRIES: 'SUICIDE FLEET' GETS VOLUNTEER

London, Apr. 16.

A man who left Britain six months ago to work in Indian hyper colonies now plans to join a "suicide fleet" which aims to prevent Britain's H-bomb being exploded next month.

In London today his mother said, "he is making us all with worry." David Graham, 25, of London, hitch-hiked to India with his friend Ian Dixon, 21, of Brighouse, Yorkshire.

They had £38 between them. Besides working among the Indians they wanted to study the teachings of Gandhi.

Now both have applied to go to the Christmas Island Bomb test area in one of the several Japanese boats which plan to sail for the danger zone at the end of next month.

Said 65-year-old Mrs. William Graham today, "We want David to come home to us but he does not take any notice of our letters. He just says everything is all right."

"He is an idealist and a pacifist. I was nearly frantic when he wrote that he had been visiting these hyper colonies." — London Express Service.

JAYCEES PRAISED BY NGO

Saigon, Apr. 16.

South Vietnam President Ngo Dinh Diem said today that the "Junior Chambers of Commerce like to work where the challenge is the greatest, and South Vietnam presents the greatest challenge to men of goodwill today."

Speaking at the opening meeting of the seventh congress of the Asian Junior Chambers of Commerce, the President said that since peace and stability had returned, South Vietnam had to attack other kinds of problems which were perhaps less dramatic but certainly as difficult to solve.

Among the countries represented at the congress were Burma, Ceylon, Nationalist China, Hongkong, India, Japan, South Korea, Malaya, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and South Vietnam.

Australia, Cambodia and the United States have sent observers. — France-Press.

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DEFENCE POLICY DEBATE

Brains Behind Germany's Flying Bombs

London, Apr. 16. Rudolf Bree — the man behind the German V1 flying bomb which threatened to devastate London in 1944 — talked about the weapon in London.

Said he: "We used to call it Project Cherrystone. It was easy to split, but you could never be sure where it would land."

Herr Bree, now 50, was 32 when put in charge of German guided missile research early in the Second World War.

DISTANCE ERROR

In the first months of the war, plans for a flying bomb were put forward by a German industrial firm. It had a probable 3 1/2 per cent distance error, which became a margin of miles in a bomb directed from French bases towards London.

Says Herr Bree: "The German High Command rejected it. They recognised that it would mean more damage to civilians than to military targets. That was not my decision, but I was happy that it was so."

"But in 1942, when I was told to go ahead with the idea, the situation was different. Air Forces on both sides were already doing tremendous damage to civilian areas. I no longer felt the same."

GUIDED MISSILES

"We had been concentrating on real guided missiles—radio-controlled bombs launched by aircraft against warships. But they were never a great success because it took too long to train the highly-skilled controllers."

So came the "doodlebug", pre-set for distance, course and wind conditions so far as they were known. It was never a true guided missile.

Says Herr Bree: "It was just cheap and quick to make. It needed a target as big as London. Anything more accurate would have needed vast numbers of man hours to manufacture. We tried launching some over shorter ranges by aircraft, but not many."

This is Herr Bree's first visit to Britain since the Second World War. He is over to attend a conference of the technical librarians of NATO Governments and famous aircraft firms.

When Germany was defeated he turned to microfilming as a method of storing documents. Now he keeps the archives of German industry. — Express Service.



Herr Rudolf Bree in London.—Express Photo.

POLITICAL REFUGEE SAYS EMBASSY USING PRESSURE

Washington, Apr. 16. A Russian political refugee said today that the Soviet Embassy is using pressure, including forged letters from a dead friend, in an effort to get him to return behind the Iron Curtain.

The refugee, Peter Pirogov, a former lieutenant in the Red Air Force, said an Embassy official promised him that the Soviet Government would not "punish" him if he returned.

He also said the official, whom he identified as Genadi F. Mashkintsev, made visits to his nearby Alexandria, Virginia, home and offered Pirogov and

his family an expense-paid trip to any Russian city they might choose.

Pirogov said the Soviet move was made for "propaganda purposes, not for any other reason."

He made the statements to the United Press after Leon Volkov, Soviet affairs writer for Newsweek magazine, reported the Embassy campaign in the magazine's current issue.

Inducement

Pirogov confirmed that Mashkintsev, identified by Volkov as a second secretary of the Soviet Embassy, visited him at his home on March 8 and March 22.

He said Mashkintsev tried to induce him to return to Russia by showing him a forged letter from an old Soviet Air Force companion, Anatole Barzov. Barzov and Pirogov landed a Russian military plane at a US air base at Litz, Austria, in October, 1949. Barzov later returned to Russia and subsequently was reported to have been executed.

Pirogov said, however, that he did not mention this fact to Mashkintsev. He said Mashkintsev delivered the forged letter on his first visit and returned for an answer. The forged letter urged Pirogov to return home.

Propaganda

Pirogov, a former school teacher who speaks English well, said Soviet attempts to lure him to Russia were part of a propaganda campaign to build up Russian prestige at home following revelations in the Russian press.

"Do you think," he asked, "that they come to visit me to see how happy I am?"

He said that if he returned to Russia, the Soviets would give him a passport and paper and tell him "what to write" about his Russian experience.

Asked if he feared the Soviets would take more forceful action to get him to return now that their attempts have been revealed, Pirogov replied: "As long as I stay here in America, I am not afraid of anything."

EGYPT SELLS TWO FRENCH BANKS

Cairo, Apr. 16. Egypt today began carrying out its Egyptianization laws, issued last January, by selling two French banks to the Al Kahira Bank.

The laws provide that all stock of foreign companies and banks must be owned by Egyptians and that all directors and senior administrators must be Egyptian.

The Finance Ministry, meanwhile, has issued a decree authorizing sequestrators to "sell or liquidate" insurance companies, similar to the decree issued a week ago concerning banks under sequestration. — China Mail Special.

Slaying Still Unsolved

Saigon, Apr. 16. South Vietnam's police have been unable to establish a motive in the slaying of Canadian diplomat Lucien Cannon, informed sources said today.

Police have been questioning persons who knew the 28-year-old career foreign service official in an attempt to determine his habits and associates, but have uncovered no significant leads so far, the sources said.

No evidence of burglary has been discovered in the private villa where Cannon lived with a police-guarded compound, according to these sources.

Police have questioned Canadian, Indian and Polish members of the Indo-China Truce Commission and other persons who knew the slain diplomat.

Cannon, chief of Canada's truce delegation in Saigon, was stabbed to death in bed on April 12, apparently in his sleep.

The death weapon, which police have been unable to find, was driven four times into his chest — twice penetrating his heart.

Cannon's assistant had been fully armed the night before, but he did not reach his victim's room. — United Press.

Nuclear Tests Under Fire In First Day

London, Apr. 16. Mr George Brown, the Labour Opposition's official spokesman on defence, today urged the British Government to postpone its proposed nuclear test on Christmas Island.

Mr Brown was moving a Labour Party's amendment on Britain's future defence policy in a two-day debate in the House of Commons.

This amendment regretted "the undue dependence" of government defence policy on "the ultimate deterrent" (the hydrogen bomb) and called on the government to put forward effective proposals for the abolition of H-bomb tests and meanwhile to postpone the forthcoming British tests for a limited period till the response of other governments could be considered.

Mr Brown asked "Is anybody going to say that Sir William Penney (Britain's top atomic scientist) really advised the government that the only period in which he could have the test was April 2 to August, 1957?"

Mr Brown asked "Why not in 1955? If by postponing it we give a lead to the world, would it not be worth doing in spite of the discomforts and irritations caused."

Realities

"I am bound to say, as an amateur strategist, that I regard the outline of future defence policy as part of us as being open to this valid criticism: that for a long time the government have refused, we think obstinately, to face the nuclear reality. Now they have become bemused by the word and perhaps by the desire to use it for economy."

Mr Brown went on: "But they have rushed into an uncharted field. We need to make the case for the use of the kind of weapons and forces that need to be maintained if we are going to have this deterrent approach."

"That we have not yet done. The government have rushed a whole lot of fences to get 270 million of economies into this year."

"As a result, they have left us gravely unprepared for the risks that we can face, severely over-prepared for the one thing we never want to face and meantime, vastly dependent on other people for policy decisions of the gravest import to us."

Deterrent

Mr Brown said the H-bomb was only a weapon so long as it remained a deterrent and therefore we had to maintain it as a deterrent. But unless there was some hope of employing the deterrent possibility without the certainty of being blown up we might find that though we had all the weapons and the means of delivering the deterrent it would be no deterrent at all because nobody believed we should have the will to use it when the day came.

Mr Brown said there were two distinct bases for the Opposition amendment. First was the absolutely urgent and vital task of trying to revitalize discussions about the control and limitation of the arms race and the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Unless that came about we might claim more victims in peace than in war.

"Secondly, in doing that, get the whole impasse of international disarmament discussions moving again."

Not Practical

Mr Richard Stokes, former Labour Minister of Raw Materials, said it was not practical to destroy all nuclear bombs and stop their manufacture.

They were he believed Britain should have the bomb and test it quickly, and then have a standstill all round and go out for the principle of control and eventual abolition," he said.

He believed he could "deal better with the Russians if I had the bomb than if I had not."

Mr Frederick Bellenger, a former Labour War Minister, thought Britain should stop her hydrogen bomb tests for a limited period, but not if it will jeopardize her status as the nuclear power.

"Russia is carrying out her tests almost every week," he said. "In that respect some of the statements made seem, if not impractical, to be very risky."

Mr Wilfred Flenburgh, winding up the first day's debate for the Opposition, said the Government's proposals did not provide the required balance between conventional and thermo-nuclear weapons.

He asked what would happen if Yugoslavia and Greece were invaded and Britain had no conventional forces available to meet that attack.

Would the Government launch a thermo-nuclear attack on Moscow on Monday morning, knowing that on Monday evening, London, Liverpool, Edinburgh and Cardiff would be destroyed and the whole of the British Isles written off?

Criticising the proposed use of the British Mediterranean Island of Cyprus as a base for thermo-nuclear weapons, Mr Flenburgh said he thought this "obscene."

It was wicked to hold an island in subjection and then use it for such a purpose against its will, especially as it would be completely wiped out when the first retaliatory bomb was despatched.

Major Sir William Anstruther-Gray, Conservative, said he could not understand why certain Labour members were against testing the hydrogen bomb.

Until it was tested and proved efficient the deterrent effect was not available.

The debate was adjourned until Monday evening, when the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan will speak.—Reuter and China Mail Special.

TAIWAN DELEGATE SAYS RUSSIAN UNESC MEMBER 'IMPERTINENT'

New York, Apr. 16. The Soviet Union made its customary objection to the presence of the Nationalist Chinese representative at the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

The Soviet delegate, Mr G. O. Arkadiev, said that while the representative of "the greatest power in the world" was absent, his seat was occupied illegally by "a person who represents nobody but himself."

Mr Mohammed Mr Khan, Pakistan Ambassador to France and former permanent representative at the United Nations today was elected president of the Economic and Social

Council, beginning its 1957 session.

But Mr Arkadiev did not propose any resolution to unseat the Chinese delegate, Mr Cheng Fao-nan.

Replying to the Soviet statement, Mr Cheng said that the "puppets in Peking, like those in Budapest, are the creation of the Soviet Union and they remain in power only through Soviet armed might."

Mr Cheng referred to the Soviet delegate as "the representative of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union" and declared that his remarks were "impertinent and out of order." — Reuter.

MONROE DISMISSES BOARD

New York, Apr. 16. Actress Marilyn Monroe, chief stockholder and main asset of Marilyn Productions, Inc., dismissed her firm's old board of directors today and elected a new one, including an in-law and a friend of her husband.

America's most glamorous corporation president re-elected herself as head of the company.

She denied she "kicked out" the old board, which included Milton Greene, her agent and holder of 49.5 per cent of the shares in the firm. Miss Monroe holds the other 50.5 per cent.

The new board, which took over immediately, comprised Attorney Robert H. Montgomery, Jr., George Lovine, a friend of her husband, and George Kappich, brother-in-law of her husband.

In addition to Miss Monroe and Greene, who was Vice President and Treasurer, the old board consisted of Irving Stein, secretary and Joseph Carr.

Disappointed. The actress was reported to have been dissatisfied with Greene's management of her affairs, including his role as executive producer of her company's first motion picture, "The Prince and the Show Girl."

However, Miss Monroe said "nobody was kicked out. Their terms expired."

Greene said he voted for the actress and was "happy" she is still president.

"I'm not going to sell my stock," he said.

Miss Monroe, who wore a fur coat and dark glasses to the board meeting, had little to say to reporters afterward. She answered "no comment" when asked whether the corporation president was going to have a baby. — United Press.

LIM: Clear Mind For Conference

Singapore, Apr. 16. Mr Lim Yew Hock, the Chief Minister, said today decency and reasonableness by both Britain and Singapore would ensure the smooth working of Singapore's new self-government agreement.

Mr Lim told Reuter: "If both sides discharge their responsibilities and act not contrary to decency and reasonableness I don't see how the constitution can't work."

The Chief Minister said there would be all party conferences before April 24 when the Legislative Assembly would consider the agreement signed after the recent Anglo-Singapore Constitution talks in London.

He said parts of the "have to get clear in their minds" what to do about Britain's stipulation — which the Singapore Mission in London opposed — that "subversive" persons should be prevented from election to the first parliament of the new state of Singapore, which will be founded sometime after January 1, 1959. — Reuter.

Smallpox In Colombo

Colombo, Apr. 16. The northern part of Colombo was proclaimed a disease area today as a result of the discovery of a case of smallpox.

All persons living in that part of the city and those entering or leaving it will have to undergo compulsory vaccination, according to an order issued today by Colombo Mayor V. A. Sugathadasa.

So far 100 persons known to have been in contact with the case of smallpox have been rounded up by health authorities. Health officials reported that the situation was well in hand. — United Press.

Paris, Apr. 16. A further improvement was reported tonight in the condition of Francisco Segon, best-selling French girl novelist, who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident near Paris on Sunday.

She is now recovering in a hospital. — United Press.

JAPANESE PHYSICIAN ON ISLAND

Washington, Apr. 16. A young Japanese doctor today began his first day of service as physician to a community of 1,100 Americans on an isolated island in Chesapeake Bay.

The physician, Dr. Mikio Kato, arrived at Tangier Island last night when virtually half the population swarmed to the small dock to meet him.

"I am little afraid," remarked Dr. Kato, as he stepped off a small boat in which he had completed the 8,000 mile trip from Kobe, Japan.

His arrival climaxed a four years search for a doctor to serve the island which is 12 miles by mail boat from Crisfield, Maryland. Island leaders and state medical men sought unsuccessfully for a physician for some years.

Eventually Dr. Kato answered an advertisement in a Detroit Medical Journal.

The question of his eligibility to live and work in the United States under the restricted immigration quota system was cleared up when Senator Harry Byrd, Democrat, Virginia, sponsored a petition which removed the doctor from the restrictions.

Already the island has built a new medical centre with local contributions and it is ready for Dr. Kato to begin his work. — Reuter.

Russia Ready To Improve Relations

London, Apr. 16. Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Prime Minister, said today that his Government would be ready to make another effort to improve international relations, Moscow Radio reported.

The radio said Marshal Bulganin was speaking at a Kremlin meeting held in honour of the Albanian Government and party delegation now in the Soviet Union.

He said now that the "intervention in Egypt" had ceased and the "Hungary" had been suppressed, there was another chance for improving international relations.

Marshal Bulganin said his government completely shared the views expressed by Mr Mehmet Shehu, Albanian Prime Minister, on the need to improve Albanian-Yugoslav relations.

Mr Shehu, speaking before Marshal Bulganin, said his delegation's visit would lead to even closer co-operation between the two countries.

He also said: "We shall spare no efforts to improve our relations with Yugoslavia. We hope that the Yugoslav Government will do the same." — Reuter.

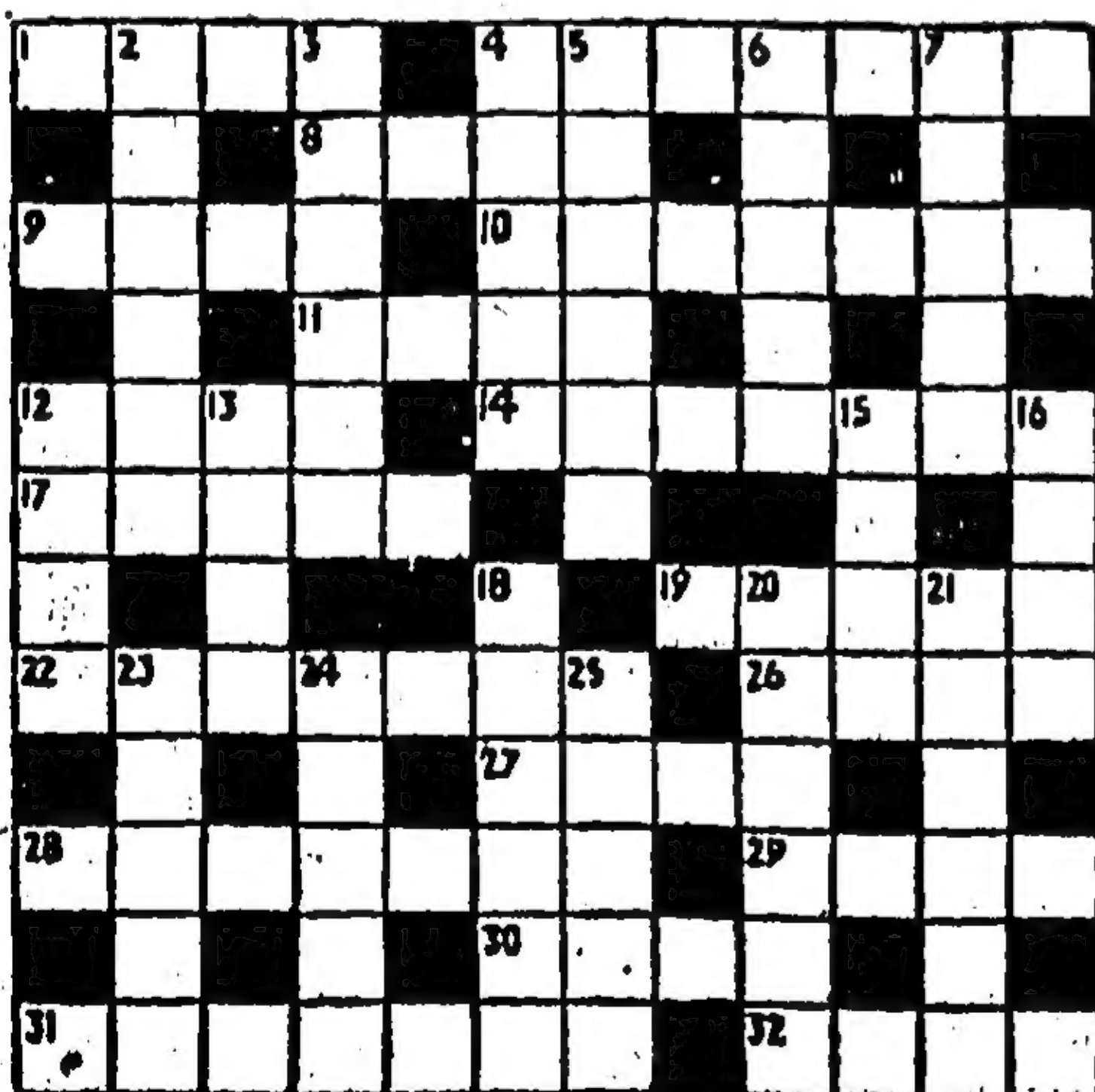
P.I. CUSTOMS TO OPEN HK PARCELS

Hong Kong, Apr. 17. Attempted smuggling from Hong Kong continued unabated yesterday as Customs operations against "thieves" at parcels containing luxury goods and fancy jewellery, estimated to be worth US\$7,000.

It was the fourth discovery in as many days as Customs and Immigration officials conferred to discover means of minimizing smuggling of goods from Hong Kong through the mail.

It was agreed that all parcels arriving by mail from Hong Kong would be opened and examined before delivery, the release to claimants. — France Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Frigid (4).
 - 4 Exhaust (7).
 - 8 Rock and roll in a dance? (4).
 - 9 Wan (4).
 - 10 Awkward customers (7).
 - 11 Encourage (4).
 - 12 Land measure (4).
 - 14 Withdraw (7).
 - 17 Rub out (6).
 - 18 Pungent (5).
 - 23 Louthree (7).
 - 26 Archdeacon (4).
 - 27 Male name (4).
 - 28 Get ready (7).
 - 29 On (4).
 - 30 Tale of heroism (4).
 - 31 Nerve (7).
 - 32 Malicious (4).
- DOWN
- 2 Speaker (6).
 - 3 Fears (6).
 - 5 Hinder (5).
 - 6 Highly pleased (6).
 - 7 Suppld (6).
 - 13 Hop-drying kiln (4).
 - 15 Terrible (4).
 - 16 Pop (4).
 - 19 Stocks (6).
 - 20 Head low over the river (5).
 - 21 Fools (6).
 - 22 Mistake (5).
 - 24 Banish (5).
 - 25 Paces (5).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Hoop-la, 5 Mamba, 8 Idiom, 9 Impish, 10 Nurse, 11 Petal, 12 Lash, 13 Terms, 16 Remote, 18 Teaser, 20 Boats, 22 Crum, 23 Stocks, 25 Cayll, 26 Opposite, 27 Gentle, 28 Means, 29 Dredge, Down: 1 Harkness, 2 Opposite, 3 Lash, 4 Admire, 6 Monitor, 8 Amulet, 7 Beacon, 14 Rearward, 15 Blatantly, 16 Ratchet, 17 Marmalade, 19 Ensign, 21 Chase, 24 Boar.

PART NINE OF OUR MYSTERY SERIAL: 'NO FLOWERS BY REQUEST'—AND THE FIFTH AUTHOR TAKES OVER

Poison in a pink cup?

By
CHRISTIANNA BRAND

MRS MERTON, widowed cook-housekeeper to the Carringtons, is trying to solve the baffling mystery of the poisoning of invalid Mrs Carrington. She is piecing the clues together, when—

"HAVE a cup of tea," said Murder, very pleasantly. I opened my mouth to say something, and shut it again. The words wouldn't come.

I managed to speak at last. "Thank you, Nurse," I said.

The nurse. A young woman, an attractive woman, a woman fully aware of her attractions, using them boldly, making the best of them with her short skirts and her frizzy hair-do and her nyloned legs, burying herself away out here with a long, dull case, an unwelcome, unattractive patient.

For love

What for? What else for but for love of some man—a man first encountered, perhaps, in the hospitals and doctors' waiting rooms of Kilchester or Everdon?

As to whether Marcus had realised—by the time I had come to the end of my notes, I had known that of course he had not. No man in love, or knowing himself beloved, could

have said, as he had said to me that first day in the agency's interviewing room: "Oh, lord—I forgot the nurse."

Strong taste

Nurse Cutler—in love with Marcus Carrington. Deluding herself, no doubt, that he was "too much the gentleman" to show his true feelings while his wife—a helpless invalid—still lived.

Having recourse, at last, to some small store of digitalin; the only person who might have known what I, for one, only afterwards realised—that digitalin has a taste reminiscent of strong black tea.

Nurse Cutler, who ceaselessly made up, of tea for her patient, heavily sweetened with sugar—strong, black, Indian tea, from the special caddy on the sick-room window sill; who could easily arrange her day off to coincide with that of Dr Grayling, so that he skilled medical attention would be at hand.

She knew the ways of the house and could so easily pop back in the course of that afternoon off—entering through the French window, haul up the patient, already deep in coma, to a sitting position and leave her there—knowing, as only she would know, that in so serious a case, to raise the sufferer would accelerate death.

The tea

Nurse Cutler, murderer: who now looked smilingly into the face of meddler Mrs Merton,



housekeeper, and said to me: "The pink cup is yours."

"There was a scabbard at the window."

"Oh, poor Sennacherib," she said. "I disturbed him." She went over to the window and struggled with the latch.

The tinkle of spoon in saucer seemed like thunder in my ears as I whipped out of sight the pink cup she had brought me and replaced it with the cup of tea that I had made for myself and which still stood, forgotten, pushed aside on the desk.

She heard nothing: she struggled with the catch and meanwhile Sennacherib, as is the way of cats, got bored with the whole affair and put his tail in the air and walked away. She came back and took up the blue cup of tea.

I sipped

"Come on, don't let yours get cold." She sipped approvingly at her own. "I made it specially for you. To christen the new gas ring—so typical of the company to send over hot foot, when all urgent need was gone!"

I was still shaky but I sipped at my own, innocent cup. "But they couldn't install it?"

She laughed. "Oh, couldn't they? A police seal on a door that any key will open, means nothing to the gas boys. 'Oh, that's only old Joe from the station at Everdon,' they said. 'That's not meant for us.'"

"But shall we need the gas ring in there now?" I said, privately thinking that the housekeeper might have been consulted first.

"It'll come in useful; I suppose the happy couple will have that room now she's gone. It's big—make a nice bed sit."

I had not realised that the marriage was quite such a certainty. "I don't quite see Mrs Deane making tasty snacks on a gas ring in a bed sit..."

They? Who?

She stared at me over the rim of the big blue cup. "Who's talking about Mrs Deane?"

"Well, you say she and Trent..."

"She and Trent!" She went off into peals of erude laughter. "My dear—aren't you innocent! Philippa Deane take on that poor fellow with his cocked-up face and his gammy arms and legs; and not a penny to bless himself with besides."

She gestured with her cup at mine. "Come on—drink up."

I fancied that she watched me narrowly while I drank. I said: "They? Who?"

Characters in the Case

Central figure in the story is widowed MRS MERTON, cook-housekeeper to the Carringtons. They are a married couple, MARCUS CARRINGTON and his invalid wife, who dies of poisoning. TRENT CARRINGTON, a war-wounded nephew, and MRS PHILIPPA DEANE, a niece. Mrs Carrington was looked after by NURSE CUTLER and visited by DR GRAYLING. An interesting outsider, JOY BARNBLOW, helps in the garden, and another outsider is MRS HUTCHINSON, the daily help. Sennacherib, the cat, completes the household.

Nathaniel Robbins

I AM the kind of sucker who still looks forward to the spring.

All through Feb. I am as excited as a deb; I tell myself there will soon be sunshine and blossom and the birds will sing.

About this time of the year I even polish my boots.

And order new coats. Though I ought to know from experience that as soon as the blossom is out and we see pretty flaps. Out come the strikers, too, for higher wages or shorter hours.

As the tap rises and Mother Earth turns in her sleep. The blood of the worker also rises because the cost of living is not cheap.

And what with P.A.Y.E. and instalments on the telly. He is inclined to say, "What the hell, what the hell?"

Though why he should feel that way so often in the spring is a very funny thing;

If life for him is hell in April and May. It must be just as hell in June, July, August, September, October, and Guy Fawkes Day.

Another thing That ruins the spring is Budget Day.

Causing deep depression when we ought to feel gay.

The poet should have written "Oh to be out of England now the Budget's there."

For those who live in England better have a care, "Through birds may sing so blithely it's the end of the financial year."

People who have any sense, And don't want to pay for defence.

Or just hate The Welfare State, Live so far away That they are not worried by Budget Day.

Though you may think their backward vile, And hope they will be hit by a guided missile.

I could be much ruder To tax dodgers in Jamaica and Bermuda. Except that I know I would soon be there myself If I had the will.

Yet another thing That happens in the spring is the fusing of mothers and aunts.

About debutantes They seem to be having far greater holly Than strikers trying to pay for the telly.

A gossip writes "In order to survive 'Their figures must be 35-24-35'."

And that before this problem is solved "Mental anguish is involved."

If you ask, "Survive what?" It only means they will shed a girlish tear.

If they are not selected the day of the year, Or if some with over-developed brackets

Are not among 20 with the right statistics.

The favourite in these astonishing harks Is Miss Henrietta Marks; She has "long, dark hair, a pensive face and pose."

She also has "brains and money," always popular with the boys.

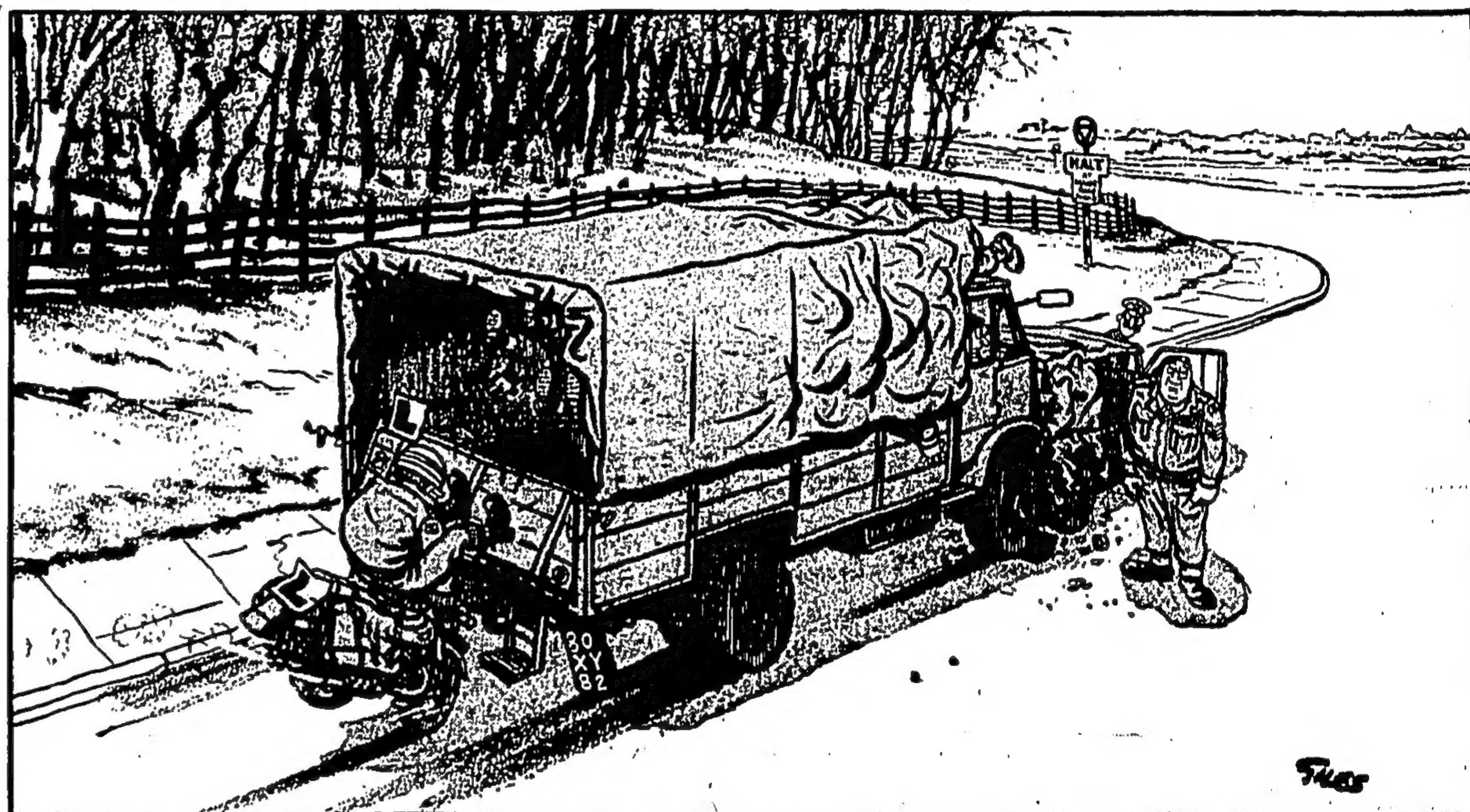
She is tipped to win Because she is neither too fat nor too thin.

Since writing the above I see the strikes have been called off. Which gives me a lift: So long as spring is in the air The boys will think every thing is unfair.

Particularly as on May Day The workers of the world go crazy-zay.

It will be the same in the spring of 1958, '59, '60, and sixty-one.

And so on and so on and so on. Hey ding-a-ding The merry, merry spring. (World Copyright)



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DOCTOR BUSINESS

IN a country where the subtleties of striking are cherished like the refinements of poisoning in fifteenth-century Florence or the niceties of torture among the ancient Chinese, I am glad to find my own profession sufficiently progressive to produce its own variant.

This must be the only dispute in history in which the strikers offer the public, free of charge, the services they refuse their employers because they are not paid enough for them.

Next time the National Union of Railwaymen have their wage claim turned down, perhaps they will shut only the ticket offices and give free rides to all comers.

This should start an interesting new chapter in industrial relations.

'MYTH'

IF older members of the medical profession complain that a strike of any sort is as degrading for doctors as a street brawl, they have only themselves to blame for fostering the myth of the gentleman practitioner.

This pretence that a doctor works only to provide himself with a little intellectual exercise and to save humanity, and insists on his always being paid in guineas as more dignified than pounds (as well as being five percent more profitable):

If doctors are so anxious to seem indifferent to money, the Government can hardly be blamed for agreeing with them, particularly as the accounting system of the medical profession is worse even than the Army's.

A surgeon facing the customer whose gall bladder he intends to remove in a week's time introduces the topic of fees as though mentioning the possibility of fatal complications, and finally decides whether to sling the fellow 50 guineas or a couple

Errors and omissions excepted.

The reluctance of some doctors to discuss money must not be confused with the dislike of all doctors to accept private fees (unless in cash) between the start of the Christian year and the financial one.

In this period you can get 50 guineas' worth of consultation for a case of whisky or have half your inside out for a refectory table in good condition, and if some rural practitioners declared all their takings from Christmas to Easter their income-tax returns would resemble the catalogue of a dairy show.

If this system were officially encouraged it would not only prevent the strike but restore much of the charm of general practice, as well as meaning that you would not think twice if your doctor asked you to dinner.

TO RULE—

THE British Medical Association's strike tactics are ingenious but really wholly unnecessary.

I am surprised that no one on its General Medical Services Committee remembered enough of his undergraduate instruction to see how the Ministry of Health could be brought to its knees by a decision to work to rule.

All medical students are told on their first afternoon "You must examine the whole patient in every case" and if the old doctors queuing up for their bottle of medicine and change of bandage were subjected to complete clinical examination—including gastroscopy, barium meal, enema, and analysis—public outcry would double the doctors' pay overnight.

by **Richard Gordon**

Author of: • DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE
• DOCTOR AT LARGE
• DOCTOR AT SEA

This Funny World



For the last time—cut out the tricks and hand over your wallet!

YOUR BIRTHDAY... by STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

BORN today, you have one of those constantly active minds which must be occupied all the time or you become restless and irritable. You could become known as the "gadabout" with the terrible temper if you don't watch out. There is no denying that you do have very

special talents, but if you are to develop them to their utmost, then you must cultivate self-control. For until you learn to become master of yourself, you can hardly expect to lead others wisely.

Your magnetic personality makes it easy for you to attract people into your orbit. But you will need to work at it. If you are to have a successful career, you must have a career unless you have your own home and family, as well. You are enough of an executive to carry on both marriage and a career with easy efficiency, never neglecting one for the other.

Fond of music, you probably will have a naturally beautiful voice. Whether it is cultivated professionally or merely used for your own and your family's pleasure is a choice which is yours alone. You may have a serious offer of a career yet turn it down since members of your family have a greater hold on your time and devotion. You know only too well that a professional concert artist cannot always call his time his own. If you select the career you may not need until later in life. In this case, anticipate a certain amount of emotional discontent.

Among those born on this date were: J. P. Morgan, financier; Vance Thompson, Thornton Wilder and Willis Sumner Gilmore, authors, and Arthur Schnabel, pianist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Impulse can bring disaster, so think before making your mind. **TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Follow that "small inner voice." If you are to be sure of doing the right thing today, pay heed or err in judgment.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—No matter how much rushing around others do today, make it a point to stay calm and serene. Your judgment is better then. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22)—It is important that you take care of your health today. Guard against a digestive upset. Familiar routine is best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Don't take chances today. Follow a regular schedule and be careful that you do not overstep that mark. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Catch up on back work which may have accumulated since starting anything new until later on in the week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Facts are what count today. Easy may be fun, but this is not a day to indulge in whimsy. Keep your feet on the ground.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—It is important that you exert your judgment in making decisions today. Thought rather than action is important.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Be calm, no matter what happens. If you have the foresight necessary to decide properly, all goes well.

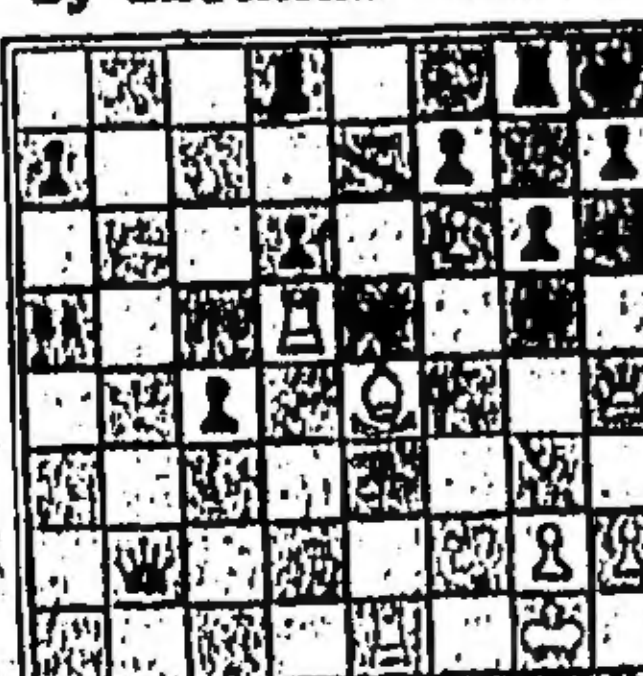
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Hold fast to your best principles and do not permit yourself to be persuaded to do anything against your better judgment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Make the most of what you have. Don't go around day-dreaming about the future. The present duty is more important.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you take the leadership in your personal affairs and stay calm about them, all is under control.

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



From actual play: White to move and win. Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-K4, R-QK1, 2. P-K3, 3. Q-K4, R-K4, 4. R-K1, 5. R-K4, 6. R-K4, 7. R-K4, 8. R-K4, 9. R-K4, 10. R-K4, 11. R-K4, 12. R-K4, 13. R-K4, 14. R-K4, 15. R-K4, 16. R-K4, 17. R-K4, 18. R-K4, 19. R-K4, 20. R-K4, 21. R-K4, 22. R-K4, 23. R-K4, 24. R-K4, 25. R-K4, 26. R-K4, 27. R-K4, 28. R-K4, 29. R-K4, 30. R-K4, 31. R-K4, 32. R-K4, 33. R-K4, 34. R-K4, 35. R-K4, 36. R-K4, 37. R-K4, 38. R-K4, 39. R-K4, 40. R-K4, 41. R-K4, 42. R-K4, 43. R-K4, 44. R-K4, 45. R-K4, 46. R-K4, 47. R-K4, 48. R-K4, 49. R-K4, 50. R-K4, 51. R-K4, 52. R-K4, 53. R-K4, 54. R-K4, 55. R-K4, 56. R-K4, 57. R-K4, 58. R-K4, 59. R-K4, 60. R-K4, 61. R-K4, 62. R-K4, 63. R-K4, 64. R-K4, 65. R-K4, 66. R-K4, 67. R-K4, 68. R-K4, 69. R-K4, 70. R-K4, 71. R-K4, 72. R-K4, 73. R-K4, 74. R-K4, 75. R-K4, 76. R-K4, 77. R-K4, 78. R-K4, 79. R-K4, 80. R-K4, 81. R-K4, 82. R-K4, 83. R-K4, 84. R-K4, 85. R-K4, 86. R-K4, 87. R-K4, 88. R-K4, 89. R-K4, 90. R-K4, 91. R-K4, 92. R-K4, 93. R-K4, 94. R-K4, 95. R-K4, 96. R-K4, 97. R-K4, 98. R-K4, 99. R-K4, 100. 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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

YANKEES AND MILWAUKEE BRAVES START SEASON WITH IMPRESSIVE WINS

New York, Apr. 16.

With veteran southpaws Whitey Ford and Warren Spahn pitching in mid-season form, the New York Yankees and the Milwaukee Braves—the most popular “daily double” pennant combination in the pre-season polls—launched their 1957 campaigns on Tuesday with impressive triumphs.

Ford allowed only six hits as the world champion Yankees edged the Washington Senators 2-1 on a ninth-inning single by Andy Carey, while the Braves turned back the Chicago Cubs 4-1 behind Spahn's neat four-hitter.

A crowd of 31,044 at Yankee Stadium watched Chuck Stobbs duel Ford through six scoreless innings. Roy Sievers put Washington ahead with a lead-off homer in the seventh, but the Yankees tied it in their half of the frame on a home run by Yogi Berra.

In the ninth, Berra led off with a single and moved to third on Gil McDougald's double. After Elston Howard drew an intentional pass to load

the bases, Carey came through with his game-winning blow. It was a tough setback for Stobbs, who had held the Yankees to four hits until the tragic ninth.

The Braves scored all their runs in the fourth inning, with Johnny Logan and Ed Mathews tripling home Hank Aaron with the first Milwaukee run and scored himself on a scratch single by Joe Adcock. Logan

then followed with a two-run homer.

Tom Brewer of the Red Sox and Tom Morgan of the Athletics also pitched well in providing their teams with opening game victories.

CONTINUES MASTERY

Brewer, who beat the Orioles four times last year without a loss, continued his mastery over Baltimore by scattering nine hits as the Red Sox posted a 2-2 triumph. Boston scored all its runs in the fourth inning off Lefty Bill Wight.

Morgan, a Yankee cast-off, allowed only four hits in hurling the Athletics to a 2-1 victory over the Tigers. Gus Zernial over the Kansas City in the sixth with none aboard and the Athletics picked up their winning run in the seventh on key singles by Jim Pisoni and Joe Demaestri.

Billy Pierce of the White Sox and Herb Score of the Indians hooked up in an old-fashioned pitching duel at Cleveland, with Pierce and the White Sox finally walking off with a 3-2 victory on Larry Doby's 11th inning single.

Pierce struck out nine men and allowed eight hits during the drawn-out contest. Score whiffed 10 and permitted only seven hits but issued 11 walks, two of which Chicago turned into runs.

The Pirates, who won the Grapefruit League title, proved they can also win when it counts, scoring six runs in the eighth inning to down the Giants 9-2.

A crowd of 33,406—the largest opening attendance at Forbes Field in the years—watched Bob Friend set down the Giants with eight hits. Losing pitcher Johnny Antonelli allowed only three hits in seven innings but yielded three runs and six walks.

Stan Musial collected four hits in four official at-bats in leading the Cardinals to a 13-4 victory over the Redlegs before an opening day crowd of 32,554 at Cincinnati. The Cardinal reached four Cincinnati numbers for 17 hits, while Herm Wehrmeister over the Reds for six hits, scattering eight safeties.

In a night game, the Brooklyn Dodgers opened their bid for a third straight pennant by playing the Phillies at Philadelphia. United Press.

THE RESULTS

American League
Washington 000-000-100-1-0-1
New York 000-000-101-2-7-1
Stobbs (0-1) and Fitzgerald (1-0) and Berra. HRS: Sievers (1st), Berra (1st).
Boston 000-000-000-0-0-0
Baltimore 000-000-000-0-0-0
Brewer, Delock (8) and White; Wight, Beamon (4), Ferrarese (6), Conesque (2), Zerkowick (9), Johnson (0-0) and Triandos. WIP-Brewer (1-0). LP-Wight (0-1).

Chicago 010-010-000-01-3-7-3
Cleveland 001-100-000-00-2-0-3
Pierce (1-0) and Lollar. Score (0-1) and Heger. WIP-Pierce (1-0). LP-Lollar (0-1).

National League
St. Louis 101-015-140-13-17-0
Cincinnati 000-201-100-4-8-1
Wehrmeister (1-0) and H. Smith; Klippstein (0-1), Fowler (6), Gross (6), Freeman (6) and Bailey. LP-Klippstein (0-1). HRS-B. Smith (1st), McGowan (1st).
Milwaukee 000-004-000-4-8-0
Chicago 000-010-000-1-4-1
Spahn (1-0) and Crandall; Rash, Drott (7), Valentini (9) and Neenan. LP-Spahn (0-1). HRS-Logan (1st).
New York 001-000-100-2-10-3
Baltimore 010-010-000-0-1-1
Antonelli, Grieson (8), Jones (8) and Westrum. Thomas (0), Friend (1-0) and Proff. LP-Antonelli (0-1). HRS-Thompson (1st). —United Press.

HOME RUGGER RESULTS

London, Apr. 16.
Results of 1957-58 season.
Barnet 1-0, Brentford 1-0, Charlton 1-0, Chelsea 1-0, Crystal Palace 1-0, Fulham 1-0, Ipswich 1-0, Millwall 1-0, Notts County 1-0, QPR 1-0, Reading 1-0, Southampton 1-0, Tottenham 1-0, Watford 1-0, West Ham 1-0, Wolves 1-0, York City 1-0.
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Total goals conceded: 115.
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SPORTING RAM



International Cross Country Championship Should Be A World-Wide Event

Says LEONARD BELSHAM

London, Apr. 17.

Continued fine performances by cross country runners of Western European countries during the winter led, not unnaturally, to thoughts of how they compare with runners in the Eastern countries.

It is no real good to take mere times for races over the same distance in the two areas, and say one is better than the other, because course conditions can vary so much. The only way is for the runners from both to meet in the same race, as they do in distance events on the track. But whether this will ever come about is a major problem of the sport.

The so termed International Cross Country Championship of the present day is confined to about ten Western European countries and though England did not win team honours in Brussels recently they had the first three men home to suggest they have the best cross country runners. But might not Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, to mention but three of the Easterners, object to such an assertion?

The race is run by the International Cross Country Union, which is quite a separate body to the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the ruling authority for athletics sport on track and field. The IAAF do not embrace cross country running although their laws have, up to a point, to be followed even in the winter sport.

There is apparently no reason why Russia, Poland and the other Eastern countries could not apply for membership of the IAAF. In fact Yugoslavia, another of the Easterners, has run in the cross country race. But a closer alliance between the IAAF and the ICCU might help to make the International Cross Country Championship a really world-wide event.

EVERY CONSIDERATION To take in the whole area of the IAAF jurisdiction and run such an event would, apparently, require a permit from the IAAF and an official in London said this week that any such approach from the ICCU would receive every consideration.

The IAAF would not assume control but would send an observer and generally build a watched brief to see that international laws are obeyed.

There is, however, one big snag. The IAAF recognises only one authority in each country, and for purposes of affiliation to them Britain, comprising England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, is reckoned as one.

In the international cross country race England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales enter individually and it is not likely that Scotland, Wales and Ireland would care to be swallowed up.

Southern Ireland, or Eire, could still go in as a separate body apparently, although in other sporting spheres the separation of the two islands has led to some strife in sporting circles.

This position of Britain as opposed to the four separate countries would be one of the biggest problems in attempting to get a truly international cross country race with East and West meeting, and all the IAAF laws obeyed.

The only alternative apparently is to leave things as they are with the ICCU issuing special invitations to the other countries, but then the IAAF might step in feeling that they should assume control.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS
London, Apr. 16.
Oldham and Huddersfield played to a goalless draw in a Third Division North match at Oldham today.

In the First Division of the Scottish League, Queen's Park, at home, were beaten 3-1 by Dundee United.

NO TAX—MORE AND BETTER SPORT?

A Lot Of People May Have To Do A Lot Of Explaining

Says DENNIS HART

If British professional sport does not pep itself up in the next couple of years a lot of people will have to do a lot of explaining. For years now, promoters and authorities have been trotting out a stock excuse to explain away British sporting failures—the entertainment tax. It has been labelled the villain of the piece from football flops to big fight flops.

Now, with a stroke of the pen, Mr Peter Thompson, the Chairman of the Revenue, has removed the tax and, with it, the excuse.

Soccer will now have another million and a half pounds a year. Players can expect better wages and spectators better accommodation, while for many smaller clubs their cut will mean salvation.

Boxing fans will be able to see bigger and better shows. British promoters will be able to compete on equal terms with the Americans. It's the same with golf, Rugby League, speedway—they all are this tax relief as it means to expand.

And that is why removing the tax can do so much good. It will increase competition, it will lift blood of sport.

THE EXTREME CASE To take boxing, for instance. This is the extreme example. There, the life-blood has virtually ceased to circulate, and we all know the resulting state of health of British boxing.

For the entertainment tax has been hitting the business at its most vulnerable point—the small shows where champions have their fights.

In 1952, 708 tournaments were staged in Britain. That was before the tax went up. Then up went the tax and down went the number of tournaments until, last year, less than 300 were held.

Result: There are fewer would-be champions, and those that there are have a far easier road to the top. They get there without really knowing their trade.

Now British boxers will have two incentives to put more into their fighting. They will face more competition and the rewards will be greater for those who do make the grade.

Remember how British champions have been accused of not training properly? Let me tell you the story of a recent British championship fight. For defending big title the champion was offered the princely sum of £250. After income tax, trainer's fee, train-

ing expenses and sporting partners' fees, he would barely have taken home. And only then because his manager refused to take a cut.

NO WONDER No wonder he complained: "It wasn't worth taking off time from work for I've got a steady job and I have a family to keep. If I'd got badly beaten and had to lay off work I'd have been out of pocket."

This is not an attempt to excuse a boxer who does not train properly. But I think it helps to explain a lot.

But that explanation is dead—killed by the abolition of the entertainment tax. The coin is now on the spot and on the sport.

Britain will see more fights, more golf tournaments, more speedway, more boxing, more and footballers have the promise of greater rewards.

And is there to be no more well-worn just home to think up some more excuse?

—Dennis Hart, Editor, The Sportsman.

FRENCH CHALLENGE IN 2,000 GUINEAS MAY STILL BE HELD

Says CLAUDE RICHARDSON

London, Apr. 17.

Two prominent candidates for the Newmarket 2,000 Guineas and Epsom Derby, Eudemon and Pipe of Peace, won classic trials in Britain during the past week—but not without some effort.

Eudemon, owned by Mrs Elsie Foster and trained by Captain Charles Eley at Malton, Yorkshire, won the Column Produce Stakes over the 2,000 Guineas course and distance (one mile); Greek shipowner My Stavros Niarchos' Pipe of Peace, trained by Sir Gordon Richards, took the Greenham Stakes over Newmarket's seven furlongs.

Eudemon had only a length to spare over his nearest rival in a field of almost unknown maidens, and Pipe of Peace's success was scored by only a short head.

It might seem from the cold statistics of these victories that Britain's chances of holding the 2,000 Guineas against the French challenge on May 1 have receded. But there are reasons to believe that both wins were worth more than appears "on the books".

Eudemon has not been noted for doing more than absolutely necessary for victory, though he proved in six wins last season that there is no tougher battler when the occasion calls for a supreme effort.

Captain Eley is one of the shrewdest trainers in Britain and he times the preparation of a horse for a big event to a degree. There is no doubt that he will produce the sturdy son of Fardal fighting fit on Guineas day.

Pipe of Peace was run to the narrowest margin by Major Desmond McCallum's Champion who, though a winner twice already, this season was quoted at almost unconsidered 33/1 in Guineas betting before his tilt at Sir Gordon's charge.

STOLE A MARCH Doug Smith, on Crumpton, "stole a march" on Scoble Breezeley, riding Pipe of Peace, by challenging suddenly on the far side of the course, but Breezeley's mount battled on well when called to regain the advantage on the post.

Sir Gordon Richards was well satisfied with the colt's performance. "Only a real good horse could run his race twice as Pipe of Peace had to do," he declared. "He showed outstanding speed to get up again in those last few strides."

Eudemon and Pipe of Peace may not have covered themselves with glory on their initial outings this year, but they can still be worthy standard-bearers on Newmarket Heath on May 1. At virtually the same moment as Pipe of Peace was struggling to his difficult victory at Newmarket, French-trained Wayne II was starting a comfortable win in a pre-Guineas trial at St. Cloud.

Wayne II, in the colours of American owner Mr Ralph Strassburger, had only minor opposition to deal with, but he performed his task with commendable ease. After the race it was stated that Wayne II was a definite runner for the 2,000 Guineas in which he will be ridden by Fred Palmer.

It will be interesting to see how the battle goes between him and Pipe of Peace in the Guineas. When they met in the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket in October the English trained colt won by a neck—China Mail Special.

Ceylon Davis Cup Team Not Better Than Malaysians

Singapore, Apr. 16.

The Ceylon Davis Cup team to meet Japan in the Eastern Zone semi-final next week played a series of exhibition matches here today.

Rupert Ferdinands (Ceylon) drew his match with Ong Chew-bee, Malaysia's number one player, 6-4, 4-0.

Bernard Pinto (Ceylon) also drew with A. G. E. Pakir, the first ranked Malaysian player, 6-3, 3-6.

Rajah Prasadoo (Ceylon) played one set with Lim Hee-chin, the Malaysian number three who won 6-3.

In a doubles match, Ferdinands and Pinto were leading Ong Chew-bee and Lim Hee-chin 9-7, 2-2 when bad light stopped play.—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Men's Hockey League: Army "A" v. Navy at Southampton, 3.30 p.m.
RAF Annual Athletic Championship at RAF T. 2.30 p.m.
HK Law Tennis League Entries close.
Golf Services Inter-Units Championship at Fanning.

TOMORROW
Golf Shek-O Ladies Day Bogey Competition.

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My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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ONE MAN INSPIRES A SOCCER MIRACLE

Derby Climbs From The Shadows

By ALAN HOBY

Great clubs are like great boxers. You can't keep them down. While Manchester United got the hurrahs and the headlines, another club, almost as famous, slowly claws its way out of the shadows.

Eleven years ago Derby County were the glamour-boys of Soccer. They were giants, like Arsenal, Newcastle, Spurs and Sunderland. International stars like silver-haired Horatio Carter and flame-topped Peter Doherty played for them.

They paid a record fee of £15,000 for Scotland's Billy Steel. They drew cheering crowds wherever they went.

Indeed, after the Rams had beaten Charlton 4-1 in the 1946 Final at Wembley, more than 20,000 people crammed Derby market place to greet the Cup winners as they drove by in an open wagon bearing the banner "Derby is proud of you."

Little did those roaring thousands know—then—that Derby were heading for the worst slump in modern football. As skipper Jack Nicholson held the Cup aloft, how could they possibly guess that in the next few years Derby would be—

● Swamped by scandal;

● Fined £500, and two officials banned from football for life after an FA inquiry had established that illegal payments had been made to players and that £2,710 14s. PAYE had been withheld from the inland Revenue—a sum subsequently paid in full;

● Flung from the majesty of the First Division to the "rock-bottom" of the Third Division North in three short seasons—'53-'54—'55—and

● Lost £29,312 on the 1954-55 season and run up a

bank overdraft over the years of £98,238.

Yes, dramatically and disastrously, the sun had gone in for Derby, one of the original 12 members of the Football League. Their days of glory were over—for ever, it seemed.

CRISIS MOVE
Then out of the darkness, a remarkable thing happened. In 1955, tough, shrewd Harry Storer, former Coventry and Birmingham boss, was appointed manager of his old club.

And what did Harry do? Straightaway, without "messing," this human dynamo set in operation his own one-man comeback campaign. Without money, without glamour, without stars, without nothing but his blazing belief in himself and his knowledge of human nature, Storer, in two hectic seasons, piloted Derby to the top of the Northern section. Meet him and you will understand WHY. The jutting jaw, the driving energy and forthright language are only part of the man.

HE KNOWS

For they hide an acute knowledge of football—and footballers.

SOCCER NEWS

Bedford Jezzard Is Not Finished With Football

By JAMES CONNOLLY

Bedford Jezzard, Fulham's England international centre-forward, won't make any decision about his future until Fulham start pre-season training this summer.

Jezz, who hasn't played since he was injured in last season's FA South African tour, wants to be back if there is any chance of regaining his old form.

He could pack in with £4,000 compensation, a benefit match and his benevolent fund cheque.

Meanwhile he is taking a coaching course in London, which seems to indicate that he wants to stay in the game.

Arthur Rowe, the former Spurs team boss, has turned down an offer of the Norwich manager's job.

Norwich will be back again, but Arthur isn't likely to change his mind.

Birmingham are favourites for Lincoln's Young England left-half Dick Neal, but they may be pipped if they don't make up their minds pretty soon.

Preston, Sheffield United, and Middlesbrough want Neal—and they don't mind the price.

EVERY CHANCE

Now that Johnny Brooks is back in the Spurs team there is every chance that he will stay at White Hart Lane.

Spurs were willing to sell Brooks, but they didn't get one bid for the lad who, at the

beginning of the season, looked like becoming a regular in the England team.

With his return to First Division football Brooks has also more than a sporting chance of getting back into the England World Cup side.

Who gets the Brentford job now that Bill Dodgin has confirmed that he will leave Griffin Park in May?

Favourite appears to be George Poyser, former Notts County manager and Brentford player, who recently had informal talks with Brentford officials.

Brentford fans are rightly disturbed at Dodgin's decision. He believes in looking after the supporters, and made many ground improvements to prove his point.

Sunderland full-back Joe McDonald asked to be dropped from the first team. A transfer request may follow. Joe wants to go back to Scotland.—London Express Service.

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"On away match days when I stand on the station or outside the bus," he told me, "I don't count the players. I count the number of hearts I'm taking along with me."

"Remember this. The principle of the man who plays for you is almost as important as his ability. Putting on a football shirt won't change his nature."

"If he's a so-and-so he'll remain a so-and-so."

"My team are no better than any other—but they ARE reliable, conscientious fellows. They respond to what I've tried to give them—that is lots of spirit, lots of confidence and lots of belief in themselves."

The club has been lucky too in its captain, Paddy Ryan, the old West Bromwich star. On the field Paddy is always working, always prompting.

"But The Plan, Harry," I urged. "Tell me about the plan to put Derby back on top."

"What plan?" roared Storer. "It's impossible to set yourself a time limit like that. Anyone who talks about 'five-year plans' is out of his head, unless, of course, he's got an established side like Manchester United."

Harry, who had eaten something for breakfast which disagreed with him, paused to pour himself a small slug of brandy. I had a beer.

Then the torrent of ideas and words burst forth again. "Football is like boxing," declared this remarkable character who, for 14 seasons, was a Derbyshire opening bat.

"The forwards are the attacker, the defence the counter-puncher. It's up to the latter to force the forwards into error."

TEAM BUILDER

And again... "I've built my team like this... A goalkeeper, Terry Webster, who isn't afraid to leave his line. Three TACKLERS in centre-half Ken Oliver and the two backs, Martin McDonnell and Jeff Barrowcliffe. A BALL PLAYER at right half in Albert Mays; at left half a DESTROYER, Glyn Davies.

"Forwards? We have CRAFT on the wings from Tom Powell and Dennis Woodhead; CRAFT-AND-GO from centre-forward Ray Straw; a GOER at inside-right in Gordon Brown; and finally, CRAFT-AND-GRAFT from Ryan at inside-left."

And that's it—the new-style Derby which, given a fair run of the ball, is going to do its damndest to restore greatness to the Baseball Ground.

Throw in secret Sunday afternoon trials of more than 180 players from every league in Derbyshire, also some smart switching and buying of players, and you have one of the most fantastic stories in football—the comeback of Derby County, 1957.

"Mind you, we're not out of the wood yet," cried the irrepressible Storer before I left. "And we've still got a £55,000 overdraft to knock off. But I'm not worrying. Stars? Who wants stars with a team like mine?"

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A divided spotlight this week embraces two major sports which have honoured their more successful players with the award of caps or colours. Congratulations to cricketers Major Martin French-Blake, Major Lionel Barker, Major Keith Goodall, Capt. Peter Tidey, Lt. Phillip Horwood, Sign. Terry Ashcroft and Pte. David Pettitt, on the award of a cap, in all cases well and truly earned.

To Rugby football players, Brigadier J. G. C. Waldron at the Army Rugby dinner last week, after paying tribute to various officials, awarded colours to some 17 stalwarts of this code and having seen them all in action at one time or another I can but congratulate the Selection Committee on the wise choice they have made.

In order of seniority the recipients, Capt. Ted Dowling, Capt. John de Cordova, Capt. Mander, Capt. Gould, Capt. Brian Barber, Lieut. John Sharpe, Mike Riley, Deric Robinson, Bob Crosse, David Gissen (Lieut. David Gissen) and to complete the officers' quota, Lieut. Wyss and Pearce.

To their very popular hooker Sgt. Eric Barker, Spr. Jones, Gnr. King, Tpr. Worsey, Pte. Williams, who were all in the line-up for the commencement of the new season with hopes of seeing most of you in action again.

MINOR UNITS SOCCER
In the football world the final play-off for the Minor Units League Champions saw Command Workshops REME hood-wink the forecasters yet again and, against their predictions, hold the powerful 137 HAA (Java) Battery 1A to draw 1-1 to take the honours on goal average.

There are many who dislike the system of winning by decimal places of goals for or against, but in fairness to the organisers it must be stated that this was put to the vote at the last annual meeting and if units did not know of it, it could only be that their representative either did not attend or failed to report the results of this meeting.

I feel that the REME lads deserved this success. From being an all-powerful XI for the better part of the season, their stars departed on various troopships and lately have been but a shadow of their former selves.

This has, however, brought out the fighting qualities of all and what has been lacking in skill has been more than made up for in determination and enthusiasm, and remembering the thrilling games of really class football that this unit has given in the past, it is not surprising that they pulled off this feat. To Java Battery, hard luck and better fortune next year.

The Army First XI made rather heavy weather of this League encounter, but it was a fair sized crowd before emerging winners by the odd goal in five.

Listening to the criticism of the selectors by the crowd I felt that if more publicity of the selected teams were given, an explanation of the reasons for selecting A or B, much voluble and I might add, abusive criticism might be spared, or would it?

One of my pet theories is that spectators can often win a game by the encouragement they give to their team. I regret to say that on this occasion those present can lay no claim to being of any assistance to the Army players. I am sure that the Army players were a good deal better than they were on Sunday, but the spectators only cheer when our team is winning. What about it, spectators?

ALIAPOS CUP MATCH

The Army team visited Macao last week-end to play the second match of the annual Interport with a lead of one goal, and it seemed in the early stages that they would need this and more to avoid defeat.

Before a large crowd in a flag-bedecked stand the local team defied all the wiles of the Hongkong side to breach their defence and, assisted by at times some odd decisions by the official in charge, they held their own up to the 12th minute when Baird at outside right was replaced by Higgins.

Almost immediately after this Martin fastened on to the ball about 30 yards out and let go a pile-driver which hit a post and rebounded to give Higgins an interval time No. 2 well inside the net.

The second period was all Hongkong and raid after raid was made on the Macao goal until centre-forward Bradley in a duel with a back cleverly beat him and placed No. 2 well inside the net.

Shortly afterwards Higgins showed a flash of brilliance in moving into an open space, gathering and placing the ball into the net before the Macao defender could work out what was afoot.

Hongkong eased off after this success and gave the crowd a demonstration of attractive foot-

ball, before accepting the Aliados Cup for their efforts. Fowler, the left half, caused the loudest cheer of the day when, with a lusty clearance, his shot snapped cleanly in half the centre flag.

The RAMC contribution to the Army soccer team, Cpl. Jones of 18 Field Ambulance, and Pte. Bradley, BMH, both leave for home on the next boat. Jones has been honoured by being awarded the Military Medal. He has played many fine games for the Colony and the Army. His departure will leave a gap in the defence which will be difficult to fill.

Bradley's rise to fame has been more recent and he has certainly justified the confidence placed in him by the Army manager. He has turned in some above average performances and, having just settled down in the team, it is unfortunate that he has to give the selectors another headache to find a suitable replacement.

In wishing these two fine sportsmen Bon Voyage I would couple this with good wishes for continued success in the football world; the best of luck to you both.

FEAST OF HOCKEY

The Services' hockey festival turned out to be just that, a feast of hockey. In ideal conditions, before a large crowd, 38 matches were played and no doubt the capable umpires provided will be dreaming of hockey for days to come after this test of stamina.

Some very keen hockey saw the Royal Navy, represented by 12th Tunnage, emerge as the winners. Finalist with X Team of the Hongkong Signal Rgt. as the runners-up.

Mention should be made of the sailor teams from HMNZS Kanieri and HMS Newfoundland for excellent displays, the former retaining an interest until the third round when they bowed to the RASC by virtue of the fact that the ball was in their half of the field when the final whistle sounded. This rather unsatisfactory ruling is, I regret to say, necessary in many of the contests could it be otherwise.

In the consolation tournament for teams knocked out in the first round the Combined Services team, backed by the RAMC, were after an exciting and interesting game with District Workshops REME they became the proud holders of the plate awarded by the odd goal in three.

Very favourable comments were heard on all sides about the organisation of this festival and a big "thank you" is due to all the "back-room boys" who helped to make the day a success.

Next week-end at Solempnoo goes the Combined Services match featured on Saturday and on Sunday at the same venue the Army attempt to sink the Royal Navy in the semi-final of the Holland Cup. Both matches should produce interesting hockey and a visit is strongly advised, particularly for the Sunday match to cheer on the Army side.

ATHLETICS TRIANGULAR

In a team athletic match held on the Boundary Street track last Sunday, 173 Locating Battery repeated their victory over 6 COD in the Minor Units Championships and with the HK Amateur Athletic Club joining in, competition was keen, and the hundred or so spectators thoroughly enjoyed a most pleasant afternoon's sport.

Lt-Col. St. G. J. S. Moor and the 6 Composite Ordnance Detachment were the hosts at the meeting and Major G. Stringer, OC of 173 Locating Battery, was present to see his team win by the narrow margin of two points.

Though the HKEAAA lists on the local athletics programme quite a few open meetings every season, the all-Hongkong standard of these generally frightens out all but the keenest of the also-rans of Colony athletics.

This wasn't the case with Sunday afternoon's meeting when fifth place in the field events were taken with the following modest efforts—12ft 10 inches in the high jump, 17 feet

ENGLAND MUST CHANGE HER WAYS FOR THE WORLD CUP

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

England's soccer selectors are back on the merry-go-round we thought they had abandoned after the Hungarian shake-up, followed by the not so successful World Cup sortie in 1954.

But the promises of improved organisation, bigger and better facilities, and of re-shaping England's team and tactics, have never materialised.

We were assured that England had dedicated herself to the cause of regaining the soccer heights by keeping the bulk of the side together, and grooming potential internationals by way of intermediate and 'B' internationals and Football League and FA representative games.

Yet what happens? Derek Kevan, that unfortunate young man from West Bromwich Albion, is thrust into the heat of a Wembley international, without even so much as a nice, quiet, minor representative game in preparation.

Is it surprising, then, that Kevan, the 22-year-old, who had never even seen the famous twin towers of Wembley, should flop? Well, is it?

Or is it surprising that without Johnny Haynes the whole attack were like ducks waddling about in search of water? Haynes was dropped because of his loss of form in club matches this season. But as a believer in the system of recruiting strength for strength, I cannot understand why a player of similar class of similar style, was not brought into the side as a replacement.

WILL NOT AGREE

I cannot, will not, agree that Sheffield Wednesday's 'Golden Boy' Albert Quixall, is not up to it. And the same goes for Tottenham's tiny wizard Tommy Hamer.

I still believe that the finest and simplest course for the selectors to follow would be to pick the bulk of the side from one or two clubs, thus assuring a reasonable standard of teamwork. And of course, Manchester United, could, and would fill the bill.

But having ignored the just claims of Billy Foulkes, Eddie

2½ inches in the long jump, 29 feet 8½ inches in the 16-lb shot put, 68 feet 4½ inches in the discus throw, 105 feet 4 inches in the javelin throw and 65 feet 9 inches in the hammer throw.

Surprise of the afternoon was the ability of the HKEAAC to place two-three in the hammer throw, never a strong event in the Club's history. The HKEAAC were team winners in the shot put and discus throw, largely due to the efforts of "strong man" duo of Ray Hanson and P.A. Noble, both of whom individually contributed 16 points to the HKEAAC total of 78.

6 COD, a team decimated by injuries and departures, were team winners in the 220 and 440 yards, pole vault and long jump, and 173 Locating were the high scorers in all the remaining events.

Highest individual point scorer was HKEAAC's Stephen Xavier with 21 points, followed by Honorsham of 173 Locating with 19. 6 COD's mainstay, Capt. Don Gunn, despite a bad ankle, scored 15 points and beat Xavier in the long jump. Highest point scorer on a "variety" basis was Ctm. Wright of 6 COD whose 16 points came from the high hurdles, pole vault and javelin throw.

The meeting concluded with refreshments on 6 COD and the presentation of 6 COD and 173 Locating Battery pennants by Mrs Moore to Ray Hanson, captain of the HKEAAC team.

For those who may have forgotten, this afternoon sees the HAF Championships at Kai Tak and in the programme will be an invitation 800 yards race. If all the stars turn out I fully expect the Colony best time to be shattered so those who like to be there on such occasions should make it a point to be at Kai Tak by 1500 hrs, please.

All Army athletes selected for Combined Services team to meet a Combined Civilian team at a date and venue to be announced later are asked to attend the Boundary Street track on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week at 1430 hrs for training under QMS I. Kelly, APTC.

FARELF BASKETBALL

The FARELF Basketball Championships will be held at the Tunnell Camp next Saturday, commencing at 0930 hrs, when the Hongkong Zone winners, the HK Chinese Training Unit, meet in a triangular tournament the Singapore Engineers' Regt. and, from Malaya, the 1/10 Gurkha Rifles.

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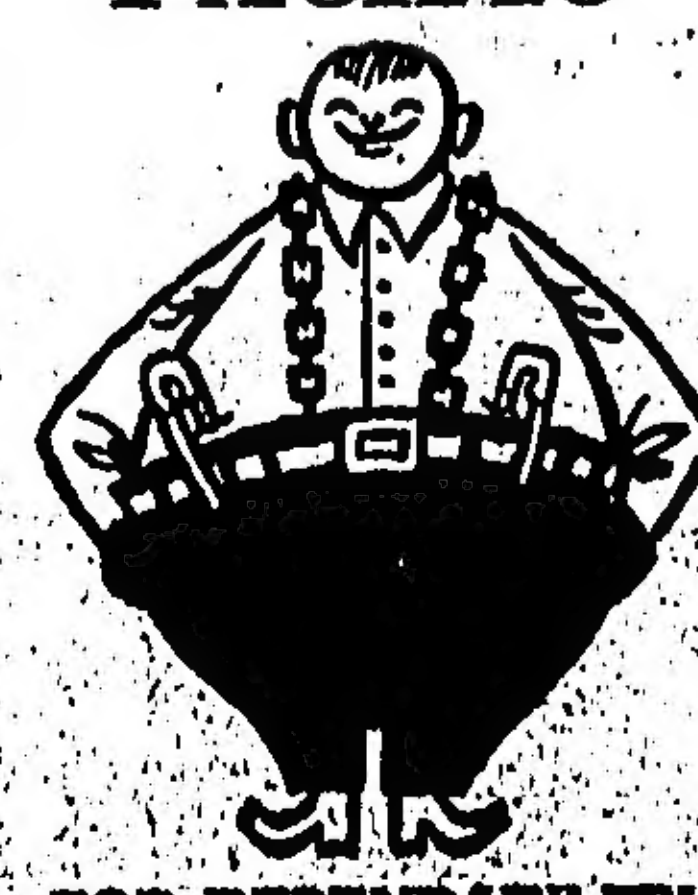
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Hongkong, 17th April, 1957.

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SMOG MENACE PLAGUES WEST GERMANY

Working Group To Combat Rising Danger

By EDO KOENIG

Bonn, Apr. 16.

The West German Government, under the pressure of rising public indignation, is investigating the danger to public health from smog—a suffocating mixture of fog and smoke.

The investigation was requested by the Lower House of Parliament which also asked for suggestions on measures to fight the danger.

West German newspapers, talking of an "air plague" and of "unacceptable annoyance and danger," have stressed that the need for clean air is as important as the need for clean water.

The area most affected by smog is the densely-populated industrial Ruhr, centre of Germany's rich coal and steel industries.

DENSE SCREEN

Scientists have established that some 600,000 tons of dust, soot, ash and poisonous gases fall every year on the Ruhr, inhabited by nearly one quarter of West Germany's population.

A dense smog screen over the entire area prevents 50 per cent of the sun's rays from reaching the ground at all.

Motorists who travel through the smog without difficulty—the sky is always overcast; breathing becomes more difficult; cows in the fields look grey instead of white; hands, face, shirt cuffs and collars get grubby; and on rainy days wind-screen wipers pile up black streaks of dirt on either side.

The poisonous dirt also forms a dangerously slippery layer on the roads and this causes numerous accidents.

Doctors blame smog for an increasing prevalence of rickets, lung and allergic diseases, nose and eye irritations, and circulatory troubles.

The situation in the Ruhr is compared with that of smog-ridden London or Los Angeles.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints about poison in the air have also been registered in many other West German towns, mainly from people living in the vicinity of industrial and chemical works.

In Hamburg a real dynamic businessman, 42-year-old Karl-Heinz Giehren, has founded an "Emergency Association against Air Contamination" to fight smog. With the backing of 200,000 supporters and their signatures, he travels round the country and in personal conversations with industrialists, large and small, tries to convince them of the urgency of keeping the air clean.

"Do not wait until you are forced to act by law. Show your goodwill and do something now," he tells them. If anyone doubts him, he pulls from his brief case a bottled collection of poisonous gases which he picked up near industrial plants and invites his critics to "try a nose-full."

BAD SMELLS

Herr Giehren bases his argument on the conviction that bad smells can cause bodily harm and that, therefore, industrial plants which emit poisonous gases are crimes against the population. He has appealed to members of Parliament to give his cause effective support—and to remember that many of his nearly 200,000 followers may give their vote in the forthcoming elections to the candidate who has done most to keep the air clean.

Industrial plants are not blamed for all the poisonous gases in the air. Strong criticism has also been voiced against the large number of heavy lorries with their diesel motors, whose exhaust gases contain up

to 15 per cent of deadly carbon monoxide.

In Frankfurt, the police have been instructed to suit for poisonous fumes since local inhabitants complained about serious headaches and nausea caused by fumes from plastic factories.

'CLEAN AIR ACT'

West German legislation at present provides no means to enforce anti-contamination measures and Members of Parliament are urging the Government to bring in a bill similar to Britain's "clean air act."

Various suggestions have been made to improve the situation, including the creation of green belts round industrial areas, the construction of new plants at a reasonable distance from populated areas, and smoke-cleaning by factories.

The West German Engineers' Association has set up a special committee to study ways and means of reducing the smoke menace, while ten towns in the Ruhr have formed a working group to organize joint measures against air-contamination. — China Mail Special.

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR PARIS POLICE



USIA PROGRAMME IN TRINIDAD

Washington, Apr. 16. Representative Frank Bow expressed doubt recently that the British Government would like the plan of the United States Information Agency (USIA) to encourage responsible government within the British Commonwealth.

Bow made his comment in recent House of Representatives Appropriations Sub-committee hearings and it was confirmed today by an aide in his office.

Bow spoke along this line to Arthur Larson, Director of the USIA who was testifying at the time before the committee.

His comment followed a USIA press release of October 11, 1956, which stated that among the objects of the USIA pro-

gramme in Trinidad were "to promote democracy within the British Caribbean Federation... to encourage responsible self-government within the British Commonwealth and a rejection of extremist policies."

The USIA is a government operated information service, described by some persons as a propaganda agency. — United Press.

Damascus, Apr. 16. Saudi Arabia has agreed to release the frozen assets of Syrian merchants, Syrian Minister of Economy, Khalil Kallas announced here today on his return from a five-day trip to Saudi Arabia. — United Press.

A demonstration was recently held in the courtyard of the Paris Ministry of the Interior, of new road control methods, including the adaptation of twin cameras to patrol motorcycles. Picture left shows a road patrol policeman's motorcycle equipped with a telephone; picture right shows a twin camera fixed to a motorcycle and allowing the policeman to take accident pictures. — Express Photo.

NEW 'DOCTRINE'

Moscow, Apr. 16. Soviet Defence Minister Marshal Georgi Zhukov arrived back here from Rumania tonight after enunciating a new "doctrine" that any attack against a member of the Russian camp would be considered an act of war against the Soviet Union.

Zhukov was in Bucharest to sign a new agreement on the "temporary" stationing of Soviet troops on Rumanian soil. — United Press.

ICELAND REDS MISUSE TRADE UNION FUNDS

Reykjavik, Apr. 16.

One of the biggest scandals ever known in the public life of Iceland has followed the Communists' loss of control of their second largest trade union stronghold, the 1,500-member Union of Factory Workers.

Leadership of this union was won recently by a group of Independence party men supported by some Social Democrats. The new chairman is an Independence party member named Gudjon Sigurdsson.

Until the recent switch of control, the Factory Workers' Union had been controlled by Communists for 20 years.

After his election, Mr. Sigurdsson told the general meeting of the Union that reports by the State-authorized revisors reveal that during those years, Union funds have been used for the reception of Soviet delegations of friendship in Iceland and for visits by the Communist leader of the Union to meetings in the Soviet Union and in other Communist countries of East Europe.

manist, was lent 20,000 kronur (about £440) as mortgage on a hut which had been deemed worthless as security for a mortgage.

★ 4. The Chairman was last year paid a sum of 3,000 kronur (about £66) a month for his work on a committee dealing with unemployment insurance. The committee held only one meeting and achieved nothing.

Unaccounted For

★ 5. A sum of 60,000 kronur (about £1,300) withdrawn from the funds at one time last year is unaccounted for in the accounts.

At the end of the financial year, the Union funds amounted to 304,000 kronur (about £6,760), but only about 40,000 kronur (nearly £800) were available in cash at the bank. About 100,000 kronur (about £2,200) in all had been lent to members of the executive committee, and 50,000 kronur (about £1,100) had been invested in a Communist co-operative trading society.

Democratic newspapers have been describing this as one of the biggest scandals in the history of Iceland. A typical comment, from one of the biggest newspapers, the Independence party's "Morgunblaðið," was:

Power Curtailed

"The Communist misuse of trade unions is twofold: First, Communists do not consider first and foremost the good of the workers. Their main consideration is to use the unions as a horse to draw their cartload of wheat."

"Second, there is the financial misuse, which has now been clearly seen in the rubble of the factory workers' union. Communists have done just as they like with the funds of that union because they thought that they were so strong that they would never lose control of it. "But they did lose it, and it is very important for the workers to understand that the same things are being done in other unions which the Communists have controlled for a long time. Their power in these should also be curtailed." — China Mail Special.

Revisors' Report

Although detailed records, except for the past year, had been destroyed, Mr. Sigurdsson said that the revisors' report shows that:

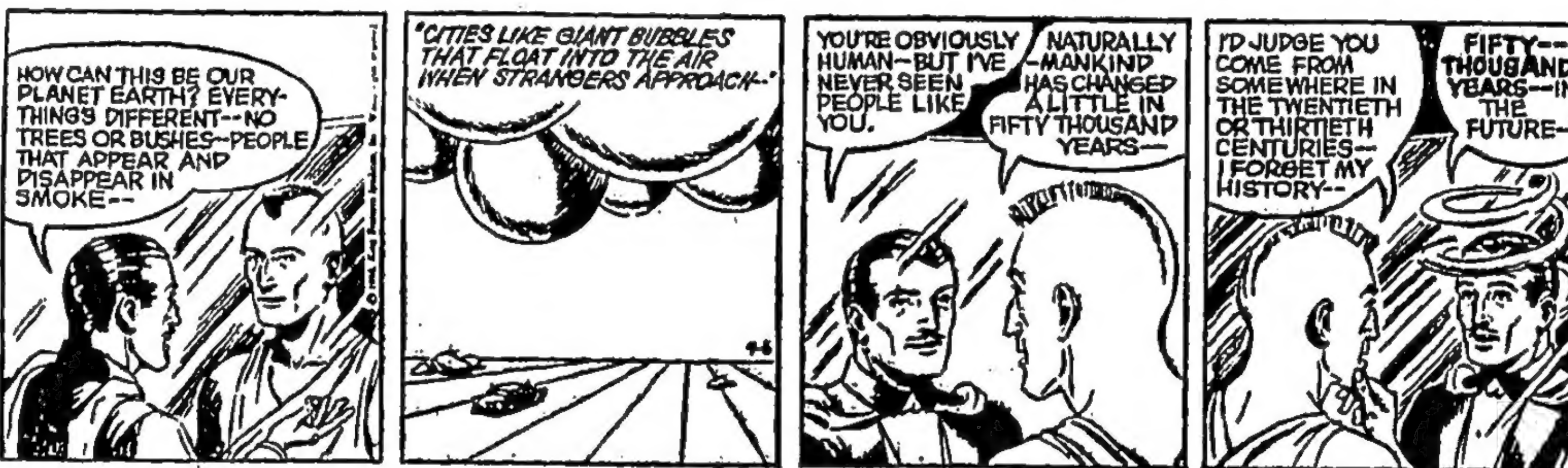
★ 1. The Communist chairman of the Union travelled to the Soviet Union almost every year at the Union's expense and that he obtained from Union funds a loan of 33,000 kronur (about £730) with which to buy a motorcar used for personal purposes.

★ 2. The Communist accountant, he added, had been granted a loan of 40,000 kronur (nearly £900) to enable her to buy a house on fifth mortgage (that is to say, there were four other mortgages which had preference), which is not regarded as a security risk.

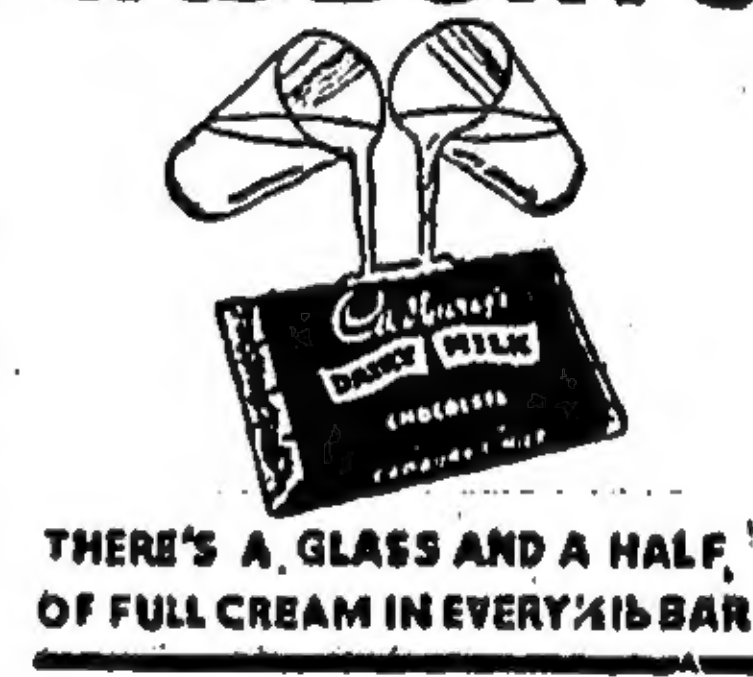
★ 3. The Vice-Chairman of the union, also a Com-

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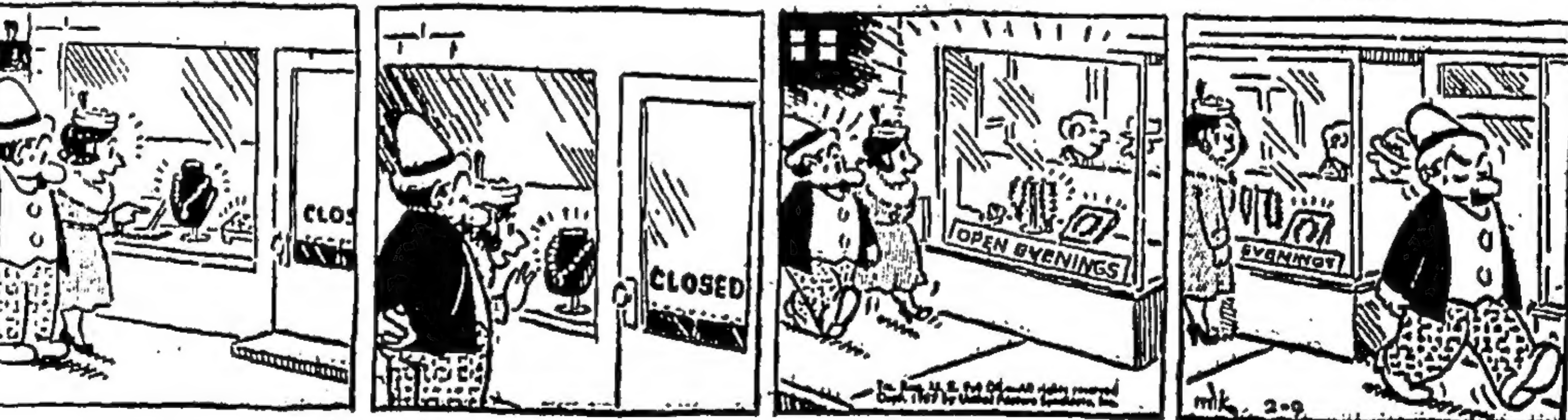


There's More than Magic in CADBURY'S



FERD'NAND

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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



ROWNTREES



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



...this situation calls for a San Miguel

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EASTER HOLIDAYS
On Friday & Saturday, April 19 & 20 respectively, the public counters at the Victoria, Shanghai, and New Territories Post Offices will be closed from 10 a.m. to Noon. The last letters at the Victoria & Kowloon Central Post Offices will be opened from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shanghai Post Office at which there are Post Office Boxes from 10 a.m. to Noon. There will be one general delivery of correspondence commencing at 10 a.m. and one collection from all pillar boxes. On Easter Monday, April 22, there will be no delivery and all Post Offices will be closed.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
By Air
Korea, 6 p.m. By Surface
North Borneo, 4 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 18
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kiating, Hsinchun, 7 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lashio, Germany, Greek Isles, 10 a.m.
India, China, France, 3 p.m.
Philippines, 5 p.m.
Siam, 6 p.m.
Great Britain, Europe, 8 p.m.
Thailand, Ceylon, Burma, India, 8 p.m.
By Surface
China, Persia, Mesopotamia, 4 p.m.
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Philippines, 5 p.m.
Siam, 6 p.m.
Great Britain, Europe, 8 p.m.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

UK'S ECONOMIC SURVEY

Confident Notes Reported But Progress Depends On Further Expansion Of Exports

By SYDNEY S. CAMPBELL

London, Apr. 16.

The British Government's annual Economic Survey strikes some remarkably confident notes about Britain's exports. Equipment for a further export drive has been considerably strengthened, it says. "With good prospects for world trade, and with a record of rising exports, the external conditions for a successful year are already present."

Internally, high savings and all possible restraint in Government expenditure should create a situation favourable to the export effort and help to avoid any undue increase in imports when expansion is resumed.

But the Survey warns that further progress in industrial investment and further improvement in living standards can come only when the balance of payments has been placed on a really secure footing. Its appraisals were made in mid-March and took no account of the possible effects of subsequent strikes and other occurrences.

According to the Survey, Britain's prospects depend mainly on further expansion of exports. The very heavy investment of the last two or three years has improved industrial efficiency and expanded capacity. Investment by private industry is likely to remain at about its present high level, and investment in the basic services of fuel, power and transport (including new road building) is expected to increase.

Abroad, provided there is no prolonged delay in restoring full use of the European Coal and Steel Community, the prospects for European production in the second half of this year may be expected. In the United States the boom in business investment may slacken but generally speaking no great changes from the present prosperous conditions seem likely, one way or the other.

Markets Expand

Markets as a whole should thus continue to expand, though not so fast as last year. Dollar markets and those of European countries least affected by the oil shortage will probably expand most. The primary producing countries will in general offer further openings to UK exports.

Britain's balance of payments deficit of £79 million in 1955 was converted into a surplus of £223 million in 1956 (£164 million in the first half and £79 million in the second). This was achieved by foregoing increases in consumption and production and by encouraging exports which rose faster than any other sector of the economy.

On the whole the Government's disinflationary policy was successful. Difficulties in the Middle East had no widespread effect on trade or production, except in the motor industry. They did cause a severe strain on the external banking position.

Consumption was progressively checked in 1956. The investment boom continued but rather slower. Exports rose faster while imports remained stable. Stocks were again enlarged, but less than in 1955. Government expenditure increased.

Rising Wages

Rising wages and prices continued to cause anxiety. Personal incomes rose 8 per cent and prices rose 5 per cent. From the spring of 1956 a plateau of prices was maintained for six months. Towards the end of the year the surge led to a further rise, but not of significant proportions.

Outflow of gold and dollars from the United States continued high in 1956. British Colonies enlarged their imports rather than their sterling balances. Western Germany's balance of trade was again enlarged, but less than in 1955. Government expenditure increased.

Britain's gross national output rose by £1,200 million. A fifth of the increase was real, the other four-fifths being due to higher prices.

The physical increase in stocks was £200 million, following increases of £300 million in 1955 and £75 million in 1954. Stock appreciation was £100 million, against £200 million in 1955 and £75 million in 1954.

In real terms, total demand rose by £340 million. Exports got £250 million of the increase. Fixed investment was £80 million up, following a rise of £100 million in 1955. Britain is investing a much higher and rising proportion of her resources. Over the past six years fixed investment has had no less than a third of the increase in national output.

Government spending last year rose by 1½ per cent in real terms. In money, civil expenditure rose by £191 million. Defence spending including the Suez operation rose by £111 million.

Consumer spending in real terms rose slightly, by only about one half of one per cent. A sharp fall in purchases of cars and household equipment offset modest increases in spending on other things, including increases of 3 per cent on clothing, footwear and drink, and 2 per cent on tobacco and 2 per cent on food.

Wages and salaries went up by 6 per cent, rent, dividends and interest by 6 per cent. Gross trading profits of companies rose less in 1956 than in previous years. The increase is estimated at about £85 million, or 3 per cent. Profits in manufacturing industry as a whole probably fell slightly.

Interest payments by companies again rose substantially. Dividend payments also rose, but much less than in 1955 (by £47 million in 1955). Tax payments fell by £59 million.

Profits

Undistributed profits after tax increased by about £50 million, from £1,402 million to £1,513 million, while gross dividend payments rose from £700 million to £753 million. The general picture of company finance in 1956 is of the rate of capital expenditure moderating and of profits being squeezed in some manufacturing industries.

Average earnings in industry rose by about 8 per cent while output per head fell. So there was a substantial increase in labour costs per unit of output.

National output of goods and services rose by just over one per cent, the small increase since 1952. Industrial output as a whole did not expand at all, but there were wide divergences in different industries. Chemicals did best with a rise of 4 per cent, while vehicles did worst with a fall of 7 per cent.

People saved 10 per cent of their incomes, a much higher proportion than in any previous postwar year. Personal savings jumped from £743 million in 1954 and £1,004 million in 1955 to £1,481 million in 1956.

Personal Income

Total personal income rose by about £1,200 million, or 8 per cent. Real increase in consumption got only about £80 million. Tax payments and national insurance contributions rose by £133 million and personal savings by nearly £500 million. In money, consumption rose by about £800 million but the increase was almost wholly absorbed by higher prices.

In the first half of 1956 the net credit from oil was higher than in either half of 1955; there was some fall in the second half. The net long-term investments overseas. On the two accounts together there was a surplus of about £40 million compared with a deficit of £240 million in 1955.

Liabilities to non-sterling countries were greatly reduced during 1956 and large second-line reserves have been mobilized. On balance, nearly all of the dollars received for the sale of the Trinidad Oil Company were put back into sterling investments. China Mail Special.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Apr. 16. Grains were mixed after fairly irregular activity on the Board of Trade today.

Wheat was slightly lower at the opening, but a mid-morning rally brought prices up. Later there was a slight recession which brought prices down to around Monday's close.

Soybeans trade was irregular. Early sales in beans were influenced by a weaker market for vegetable oil. With the decline of soybeans prices became scattered.

Commission house buying, some short covering, and the market slipped slightly.

Old style contract closed up ¼ to ½ off ¾ soybeans closed up ¼ to ½ off ¾ cents while wheat closed unchanged to off ¼ cent for new contract.

Wheat No. 2, red

Spot	22½-23
May	22½-23
July	22½-23
Sept.	22½-23
Dec.	22½-23

Corn, No. 2, yellow

Spot	134½-135
May	134½-135
July	134½-135
Sept.	134½-135
Dec.	134½-135
Jan.	134½-135

Rye

May	130½-131
July	125½-126

Oats

May	72½-73
July	67½-68

Soybeans, No. 2, yellow

Spot	24½-25
May	24½-25
July	24½-25
Sept.	24½-25
Nov.	24½-25
Dec.	24½-25

Barley

Spot	130-140
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New York flour

200 lb. sack	\$13.10n
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WINNIPEG PRICES

Winnipeg, Apr. 16. Prices of grain futures closed today in Canadian cents per bushel as follows:

Oats

May	71½-72
July	71½-72
Oct.	71½-72

Rye

May	111½-112
July	112½-113
Oct.	112½-113

Barley

May	92½-93
July	94½-95
Oct.	96

Flaxseed

May	287
July	275½
Oct.	270½

Canadian wheat export No. 3, non-IWA 160 cents; No. 5, 150 cents.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Apr. 16. Closing rates were:

New York	2.78½-2.79½
Switzerland	2.65½-2.67½
France	10.81½-10.83½
Germany	10.81½-10.83½
Italy	11.71½-11.73½
Spain	16.10-16.20
India	15.75-15.85
Japan	11.71½-11.73½
China	11.71½-11.73½
Others	unchanged

COTTON FUTURES RECOVER AFTER SETBACK

New York, Apr. 16.

Cotton futures today switched to the recovery side, erasing most of Monday's setback with the trading pace quickening on the rise.

Finishing around the day's levels the list ruled net gains of 7 to 11 points. The market opened unchanged to up 5 points. New Orleans closed up 8 to 9 points.

Main attention centred in nearby deliveries. Lending spot firms were sellers of around 10,000 to 15,000 bales in May supposedly liquidation in anticipation of first notice day next week.

The offerings, available on a scale-up basis from \$5.21, were absorbed by domestic mills and shippers covering against textile orders or export commitments.

New crop months steadied on covering influenced by the favourable interpretation of the government weekly crop summary, indicating the need for replanting in many sections because of unseasonably cool temperatures and wet fields.

Other traders marked time pending farm legislative incentives or some other incentives. The open position in May to late totalled 237,200 bales. The certificated stock increased 683 to 11,800 bales.

Month Volume Open Interest

May	1,200	125,400
June	8,200	174,100
July	4,800	103,600
Aug.	1,700	63,800
Sept.	3,200	84,500
Oct.	1,200	50,000
Nov.	800	16,600
Dec.	400	975,500

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

May	33.90
June	33.25-33.29
July	34.77
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